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COMMENT OF THE DAY

THE ARAB WEST

A CONFERENCE of vital importance to the future of North Africa opened in Tangier yesterday. The main topics on the agenda for discussion are unification of the Arab West to embrace Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, the need for Algerian independence and the importance of liquidating what are termed "sequels to colonialism."

The delegates of Tunisia and Morocco are representatives of the ruling parties of those two countries, the Algerian delegates are representing the Algerian insurgents.

The scheme of the Tunisian President, Mr. Habib Bourguiba, for unifying the North African countries was, until the Franco-Tunisian crisis started last February, to promote a negotiated settlement for the Algerian problem; integrate the Arab West in a Franco-North African grouping.

Into Background

THE Franco-Tunisian dispute, touched off by the French bombing of Sakelt Sidi Youssef village, pushed all idea of a Franco-North African grouping into the background. It did, however, strengthen the desire of Tunisia and Morocco to create the Maghreb (Western North Africa) and make it a force like the Egypt-Syrian and the Jordan-Iraq unions in the Middle East.

And so, during March, the ruling parties of Tunisia and Morocco—the Neo-Destour and the Istiqlal—decided to hold a conference on North African unity in Tangier yesterday with representatives of the Algerian insurgent National Liberation Front.

Corollary

THE only communique on the deliberations so far received gives no indication that discussion of an inevitable and important corollary—the question of setting up an "Algerian Government in exile"—has taken place or is even on the agenda. One of the military leaders of the Algerian insurgents recently was quoted as stating that the opinion of the insurgent soldiers in Algeria is that the time has come for the Algerian nation to have a government in exile to represent it in the "concert of nations."

Opposition?

THE setting up of such a government would certainly meet with opposition from Tunisians and Moroccans: any recognition by those two countries of such an Algerian government at this stage could cause a final break with France.

A course which has been suggested is that the Tunisians might, either at the tripartite conference or later, propose a compromise—the setting up of an "Algerian Committee of National Liberation" which would be less official than a Government but more effective than the National Liberation Front's present top body—the nine-man Committee of Co-ordination and Action which, at recent meetings in Cairo, studied the idea of setting up an Algerian Government in exile.

The current conference in Tangier is the first occasion on which the delegates of the three North African nationalist parties have met publicly and officially. Their decision can have a great effect on the future destinies of North Africa.

Reported To Have Left Sumatra

Singapore, Apr. 28. The Straits Times claimed today the rebel Premier of Central Sumatra, Mr. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, had left Singapore by seaplane for the insurgent North Celebes.

The Times said he was accompanied by the rebel Commerce Minister, Doctor Sumitro, the Defence Minister, Mr. Burhanuddin Harahap, and the Information Minister, Lieut. Colonel Dacklan Djambek. According to the paper Mr. Sjafruddin, accompanied by six ministers, arrived in Singapore secretly on Friday.

Seaplanes

This has been denied by the Singapore Government.

The Straits Times report claimed two grey painted seaplanes, without markings, landed in Singapore waters shortly after midnight yesterday.

Each was manned by a crew of three, it said. The Times said the two aircraft, carrying Mr. Sjafruddin, the three ministers, six other men, and a quantity of documents, left for Manado, capital of the North Celebes.

There the rebels planned to make a last stand. According to the Times, the rebel leaders left their toppling state of Central Sumatra in fast motorboats on Thursday.

Taiwan Markings

Another Singapore newspaper, Semangat, gave details of how the 12 rebel leaders stopped over in Singapore for 36 hours at the home of a Chinese businessman, then motored to the north of Singapore and took off in two grey-coloured seaplanes bearing Taiwan markings.

Rebel sources in Singapore denied the whole story categorically and said Sjafruddin and his colleagues still were in Sumatra.

A Morse broadcast from the rebels said the Central Government drive was stopped at the banks of the Kampar River, on the Singapore front, about 30 miles south of Batusangkar, by the destruction of a key bridge. Batusangkar is about 12 miles from Bukittinggi and is the site of the rebel Government's administration buildings, although Bukittinggi is the capital. —Reuters and United Press.

THREAT OF REPRISALS IN-CYPRUS

Nicosia, Apr. 27.

Cyprus Government authorities today refused to make any statement on Eoka allegations of "inhuman measures" at the Kokkinotrimithia Detention Camp.

The Eoka leader, Digenis, threatened reprisals against British subjects in leaflets distributed yesterday afternoon.

The leaflet, addressed to Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor, said: "If within two days of the circulation of these leaflets, inhuman measures against detainees at Kokkinotrimithia Camp are not withdrawn we shall strike British by way of reprisal."

The authorities today refused to make any statement on the Eoka allegations.—Reuters.

Soldier Stabbed

Nicosia, Apr. 27.

A British soldier was stabbed by an unknown terrorist in a busy square in Nicosia tonight. Officials said later the soldier attacked today was stabbed as he came out of a night club, and taken to hospital with a severely lacerated arm. They said the incident was not thought to have any political significance.—Reuters.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM GAS



About 400 people from 90 families at Redfern, a suburb of Sydney, NSW, fled from their homes in the early hours of last Thursday morning when a heavy concentration of raw ammonia escaped from an ice cream factory. At least thirty people collapsed from the effects of the gas and nine were rushed to hospital. Photo shows two choking-sobbing women assisted from the fumes by a gas-masked fireman.—Keystone.

US Summit Strategy Plans For Nato Meeting Next Month

New York, Apr. 27.

The United States is completing fresh plans this week on summit strategy for discussion with her allies at the Nato council in Copenhagen, officials said today.

FATHER CHRISTMAS GOT LOST

London, Apr. 27.

Worried railway officials sought an explanation today of how a freight-car loaded with Christmas parcels got into a remote siding at Leeds last December—and stayed there un-noticed for four months. The car was part of a mail train which pulled out of Manchester Station on December 23. What happened to it then nobody knew.

Since Christmas, the post office has paid out hundreds of compensation claims for lost parcels.—United Press.

Grenade Incident

Algiers, Apr. 27.

A young terrorist, accompanied by two companions, threw a hand-grenade in Oranville today which injured 13 people, three of them seriously. The three terrorists made their getaway.—France-Press.

Communists Receive Setback In France

Paris, Apr. 27. Final second ballot results of the French County Council elections today showed a marked setback for the Communists and gains for both the Socialists and the Conservatives.

With 114 results still to come the Communists had registered 24 losses and six gains, having obtained only 39 of the 1,481 seats they contested, despite the withdrawal of the Socialist candidates in 39 election areas. Socialists, with 245 seats, gained 43 and lost 37.

Conservatives with 499 seats, gained 59 and lost 45. Radicals with 360 seats, gained 33 and lost 60.

FINAL RESULTS

Final results for the 1,526 seats contested last Sunday and today in the County Council elections announced officially tonight showed Communist and Gaullist losses, with Conservative, Socialist and Popular Republican (Catholic) gains.

The 1,526 metropolitan seats were distributed as follows:

Conservatives 522 seats (13 gains); Socialists 287 seats (three gains); Near Socialists 74 (12 gains); Communists (11 losses); Radicals 337 (13 losses); M.R.P. (Catholics) 147 (27 gains); ex-Gaullists 60 (18 losses); others 19 (seven gains). The elections affected half the cantons in France, each one of which elects one councillor for the departmental General Assembly or Provincial Parliament. There were no elections in the Paris area which includes about a fifth of France's 24,500,000 electors.

CONTINUES TALKS

Meanwhile, M. René Pleven, French middle-of-the-road leader, today continued his talks with political leaders to find a way of ending the 12-day-old Government crisis.

One of his aides said M. Pleven "would continue" his talks tomorrow and report to President Rene Coty later in the day on whether he is willing to go ahead to try to form a new government.

Today's talks included discussion of an all-party policy memorandum on Algeria which M. Pleven wants party leaders to approve.—Reuters.

Iraq Refuses To Pay Share Of Arab League Budget

Cairo, Apr. 7.

Iraq announced tonight she would pay her share of the Arab League budget no longer.

The Iraqi Ambassador Ibrahim Khodir, made the announcement after a meeting of the Arab League tonight.

"Iraq will not pay its share of the budget of the Arab League this year or in the years to come owing to its indebtedness as a result of damage to the oil pipelines during the tripartite aggression in Egypt," he said.

SABOTAGED

The Iraq Petroleum Company's pipelines through Syria to the Mediterranean were sabotaged and three pumping stations blown up during the Suez crisis.

The flow of oil from Iraq of some 20 million tons yearly was interrupted. It began again on March 11, 1957 but is not yet fully restored.

Mr. Khodir said the Iraqi Government was in debt because of the losses caused by pipeline destruction, and could not pay its share of the League budget until all its debts had been settled.

SERIOUS CRISIS

Political observers here consider that the Arab League has entered into the most serious crisis of its 15 years' existence with Iraq's announcement. The crisis follows tension between Arab states since the Jordan-Egypt political clash a year ago and more recent developments after the creation of the rival groupings of the United Arab Republic and the monarchies Arab Federations.—Reuters.

Tribesmen Lay Siege To British Fort In Aden

London, Apr. 27. Tribesmen armed with rifles and machine-guns surrounded and attacked a British fort in Aden today, the War Office announced here.

The statement said that more than 300 tribesmen brought under siege the fort at Assari, eight miles from the Aden-Yemen border near Dhala, Aden.

No casualties were reported.

OUTNUMBERED

Local militiamen manning the fort were badly outnumbered. They totalled about 40. But a relief column of British and Aden-based troops was understood to be on its way. British Army reserves were flown into Aden some ten days ago.

British aircraft from nearby Aden bases dropped supplies to the fort through the day. Rocket-armed jet fighters strafed and bombed the attackers, it was said.

The communique added: "No attacks" are being made on villages.

This referred to the fact that in the past Royal Air Force planes have launched raids on Yemeni villages in the vicinity after attacks.

YEMEN ARMS

The War Office said the arms used by the tribesmen were supplied by the Yemen, which has received arms from Russia according to report.

The tribesmen were believed to be inhabitants of the border region between the Yemen protectorate and the Yemen, with their homes on the sides of the unmarked frontier.

With the unit of Aden recruits in the fort was a British political adviser, Robert Somerset, who recently arrived in the area.

The War Office said that he was "safe".—United Press.

Lioness Goes For A Stroll In Paris

Paris, Apr. 27. Pedestrians jumped into parked cars or ran to safety down side lanes as Gladys, a young circus lioness, padded down the Rue du General Michel Bizot in east Paris tonight.

The lioness, followed by police, walked into an hotel. Gladys, with two other lions, had been performing in a circus at the nearby Foire du Grone carnival. As she made a jump the tub on which she landed tipped over.

STARTLED

For safety she leapt from the tub to the shoulders of her trainer, Louis Willy, and with one further bound cleared the 11-foot railing of the cage and landed in the crowd.

Before the startled audience had time to realise what had happened Gladys had trotted across the carnival ground and disappeared into the neighbouring streets.

As she turned into the hotel a policeman called out to the manageress who was leaning out of a window to close the inside door. He slammed the outside door and Gladys was caught in the vestibule.—China Mail Special.

BRITONS BUY RUSSIAN VACCINE

London, Apr. 27. British sufferers from multiple sclerosis are buying vaccine from the Soviet Union at £26 a shot in the hopes of being cured, a London newspaper said today.

Reynolds News said that the vaccine apparently worked. It quoted one Briton, Sydney Grant, as saying it had given him back the use of his right arm and leg, which were

partially paralysed. The Russian vaccine made from a rabies virus extracted from rats, was first advertised in Soviet News, an English language publication issued by the Soviet Embassy here. Since then Soviet authorities have had "hundreds" of letters asking for it, despite warnings from Britain's Health Ministry that its effectiveness is doubtful.—United Press.

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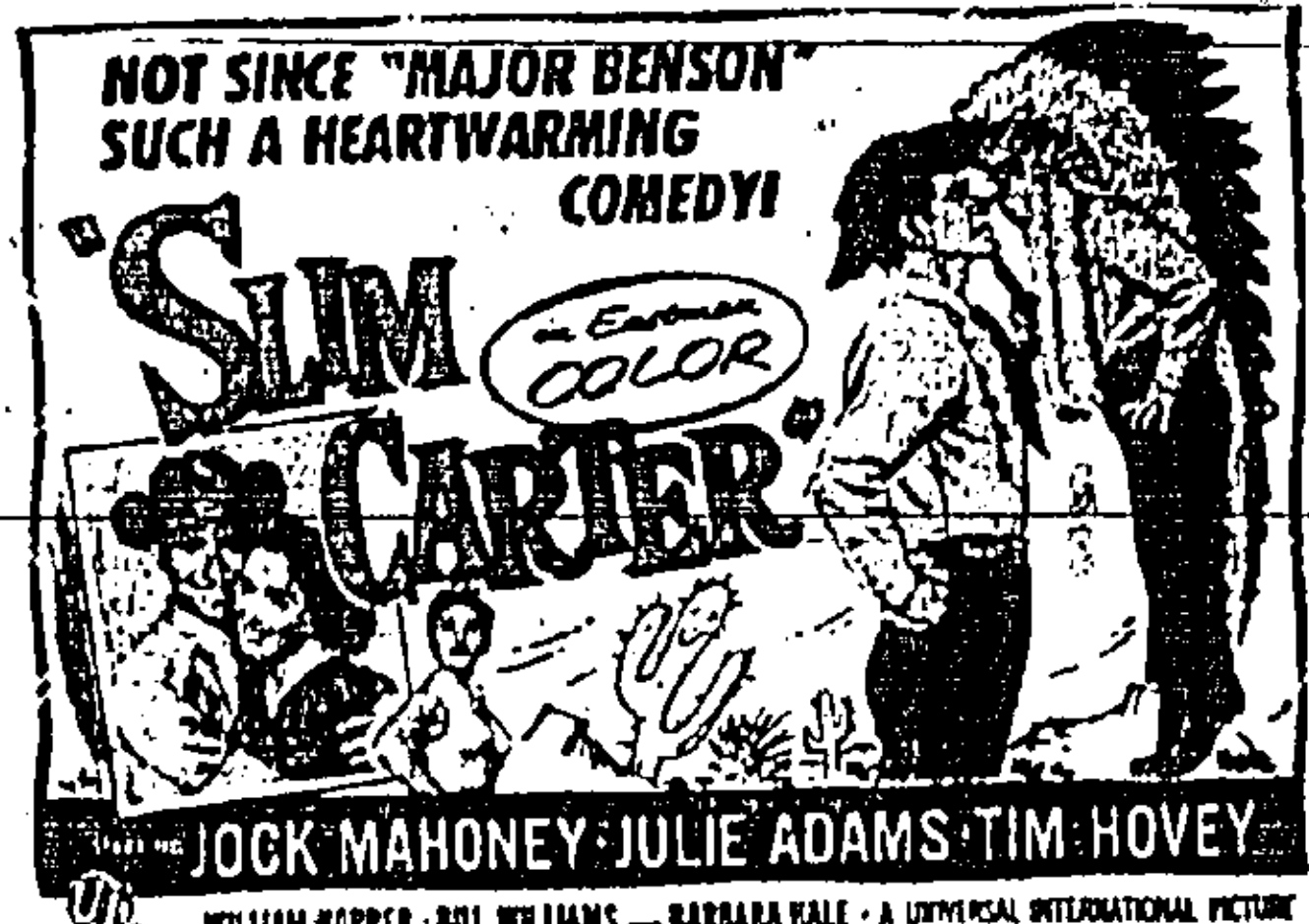
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Who Is Responsible For Britain's Air Defence?

'USAF DOESN'T WORK WITH
THE RAF!'
Newspaper Flays
US Procedure

London, Apr. 27.

Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express said today that American fingers are on the trigger which would set off British reaction to a nuclear attack.

In an editorial criticism of the procedure adopted at American Air Bases in Britain, the Express charged that US authorities act independently of the Royal Air Force despite repeated assertions that the two work together.

"Who is responsible for the defence of Britain against atomic attack?" The Express asked. "Is it our own RAF, or do we depend on the alertness and skill of the United States Air Force?"

The Express said that when an unidentified object appeared on American-operated radar screens in Eastern England a few days ago it was the local American Commander, not his British opposite number, who was immediately notified.

"Immediately secret messages were flashed to every other American Air Force base in Britain," the Express said. "American fighters were hastily sent out of their hangars ready for flight. American pilots ran swiftly to their briefing rooms."

"And the RAF? The reports are that it was not involved in these emergency operations. It was asked only if it had anything flying in the area where objects had been spotted by radar."

"Fortunately the alarm was false. But supposing one day these islands are really approached by enemy bombers or missiles? Will the RAF know they are coming? Or will the safety of our people be left in the first fatal minutes to Americans?"

Meanwhile, in Washington, the US Air Force assured Congress in testimony made public today that it has taken steps which make it "virtually impossible" for its bombers to release an atomic bomb accidentally.

Safeguards

It told the House Military Appropriations Subcommittee on March 19 that the new safeguards were created as a result of the accidental dropping of a nuclear bomb at Florence, South Carolina, earlier last month, injuring six persons.

The Air Force said it called a meeting on March 26 of Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, of representatives of the Air Materiel Command, Strategic Air Command, Air Research and Development Command, and the Air Force Inspector-General.

As a result of this session, it said, safeguards were established which "will make it virtually impossible to have an inadvertent release of an atomic weapon from SAC current aircraft. The possibility of such a release is so remote as to be indeterminate."

There was no elaboration on the nature of the safeguards.

The Air Force has never pinpointed the cause of the Florence accident except to blame a "mechanical malfunction." But there have been reports that a crewman released the bomb by mistake, thinking he was activating an electrical device.

The nuclear bomb did not explode—thanks to the Air Force practice of carrying the bomb and its warhead separately until there is reason to "mum" them. The six injured were attributed to an explosion of TNT contained in the weapon.—United Press.

Passengers On
Caronia
See Another
Accident

Yokosuka, Apr. 27. Passengers from the 34,183-ton British luxury liner Caronia, which is undergoing repairs at the United States Naval Dockyard at Yokosuka, near Tokyo, were eye-witnesses to another accident shortly before dusk today.

A 2,319-ton US Naval landing craft was in collision with the 700-ton Japanese inter-island ferry boat Kiku Maru.

A Maritime Safety Board spokesman said there were no casualties.

Meanwhile, in Liverpool, the Cunard Company said tonight that the Caronia, held up in Japan since April 14, was expected to sail on Thursday after completing repairs.

The Caronia, on a 108-day luxury cruise, was originally due in New York on May 9. Her new arrival date is May 21.—Reuter.

Margaret
Treated
To Tropical
Food

PRINCESS MARGARET

Tobago, Apr. 27. PRINCESS Margaret today visited the famed Buccoo Reef off this "Robinson Crusoe" island and picnicked off tropical food on the beach of a lagoon.

Earlier, she had attended divine service in the ancient Anglican Church of St. Andrews in Scarborough, the island capital. People lined the street in the hot sun outside the church to clap as Princess Margaret arrived with the Governor, Sir Edward Beetham.—Reuter.

Eruptions

London, Apr. 27. Soviet scientists have observed volcanic eruptions along the western stretch of a South Pacific underwater mountain range, Radio Moscow reported today.—United Press.

FILIPINO DOCTOR SOUGHT IN
SLAYING OF AMERICAN NURSE

Police Alarm Extends From US To Manila

New York, Apr. 27. An alarm extending all the way to the Philippines was issued by police tonight for a Filipino doctor sought in the vicious knife-slaying of an attractive blonde nurse, whose body was found clad only in bra, panties and slip.

Dr. Rodrigo L. Sarmiento, 38, who has a wife and four young children in Quezon City, Manila, vanished shortly after the killing, and neighbours of the slain nurse, Miss Margaret Kabak, 38, said they had seen him near her home about eight hours before her body was found.

Police said they learned that a romance between the doctor and Miss Kabak developed four months ago at the Jewish Hospital for Chronic Diseases in Brooklyn where Sarmiento was a resident trainee in surgery and she was instructor of nurses.

Three weeks ago, they said, her interest in him cooled, possibly because she learned he was already married and had a family in the Philippines.

The tragic end of the triangle became known at 6.40 p.m. on Saturday when her almost nude body was found on the floor near her bed in the two-storey house she had shared with a brother, Joseph, a sister, Helen, and Helen's husband, William Livermore.

The brother found the body when he came home from work. The autopsy report said death was due to haemorrhages from 15 stab wounds in the neck, abdomen, chest and legs.

INVESTIGATION

The autopsy surgeon would not estimate the time of death, but said scorchings of skin found under her fingernails indicated she had battled desperately for her life.

Police found the murder weapon, a carving knife with an 8½ inch blade, under the bed. Nearby was a slashed bloodstained photograph of Margaret and Dr Sarmiento taken recently in the Hotel Stoller's Cafe Rouge.

Twenty-five detectives were assigned to the case and closely questioned the slain girl's family, neighbours and hospital associates of Margaret and Dr Sarmiento.

Most of the details of the romance, which was said to have once included talk of marriage, were learned from Margaret's family, associates were shocked at the slaying, and most of them denied know-

ledge of the friendship between the two. Sarmiento, they said, had impressed them as a quiet man who kept to himself.

Relatives of the victim said the three weeks ago she had begun to refuse to take telephone calls from him at home, and had refused to go out with him any more. She gave them no reason for her sudden coolness, they said.

DIDN'T REPORT

The detectives located a neighbour who reported seeing Dr Sarmiento lurking in the driveway of the Kabak home at 9.30 a.m. Saturday—a time when Margaret was home alone.

An hour earlier the doctor had failed to answer a telephone call for him at the hospital where he lived. He was scheduled to be on duty on Saturday but did not report for work.

Dr Sarmiento, police learned, came to the United States from the Philippines in March, 1950, to serve his internship at Providence Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Last July he moved to the Brooklyn Hospital for training in surgery.

According to police, he has a wife, Stella, 33, in Quezon City, and three daughters and a son, ranging in age from infancy to eight years.

The description of the doctor broadcast by police said he is 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 175 pounds and has long, black hair.

Police set up a watch at all airports here and sent the description and a wanted notice to surrounding cities and states and to Manila, they said.—United Press.

'One-In-Million' Tragedy

MAN KILLED IN A CRASH WITH WIFE'S CAR

Pound Ridge, N.Y., Apr. 27. THE authorities made a routine check today to determine how much alcohol had been consumed by a New York lawyer before he was killed when his sports car collided with a station wagon driven by his wife at 2 a.m. on Saturday.

Edward T. Perry, 41, of Stamford, Conn., was killed instantly when his car swerved to the wrong side of a straight stretch of country road and smashed the front of the car driven by his wife, Dorothy, 37.

Mrs Perry, who suffered head and leg injuries, told police from her hospital bed in Mt.

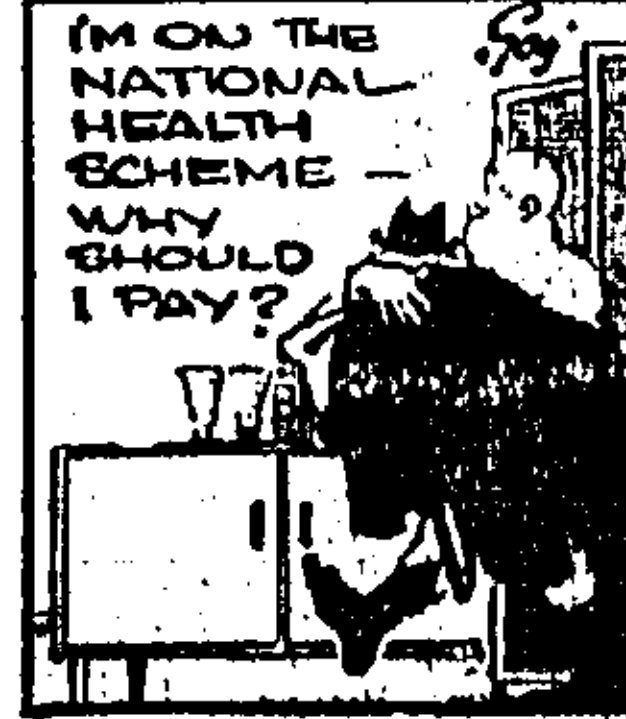
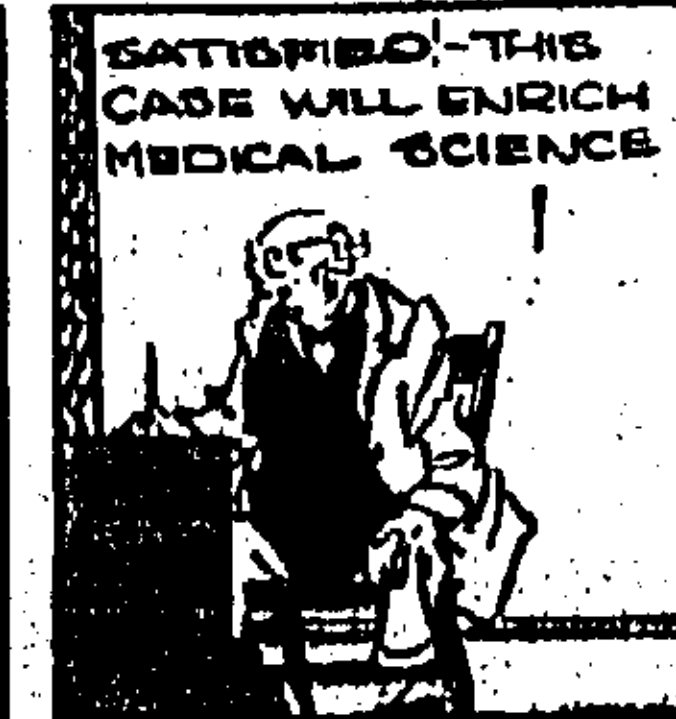
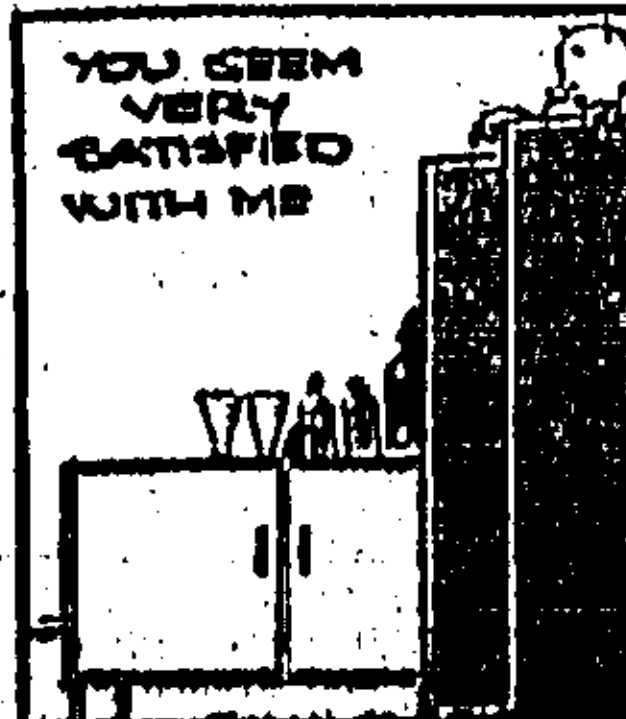
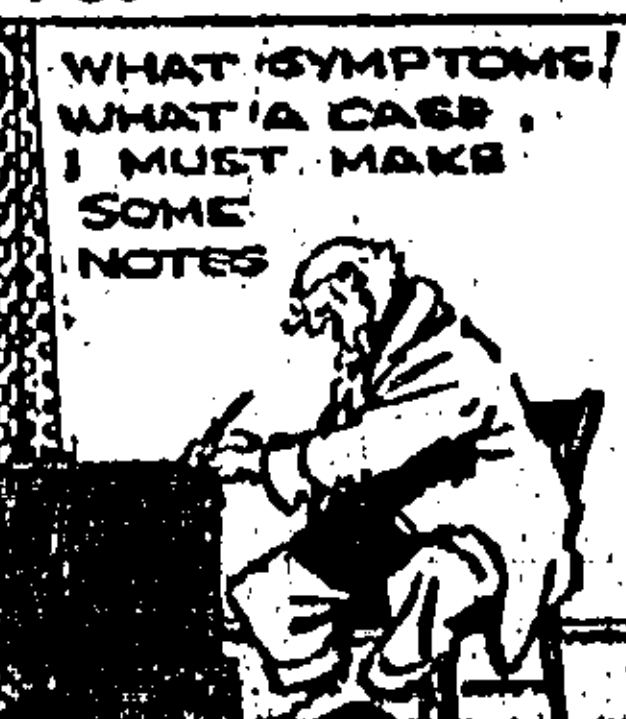
Kisco, New York, that she had left her three small children at home with her mother to drive to a well-known rural restaurant to meet her husband.

Perry had been at the restaurant most of the evening, she said.

She did not know she had collided with her husband until after she had been taken to a hospital. Police said it was a "one-in-a-million" accident.

Police officially listed Perry's death as accidental and marked the case closed.—United Press.

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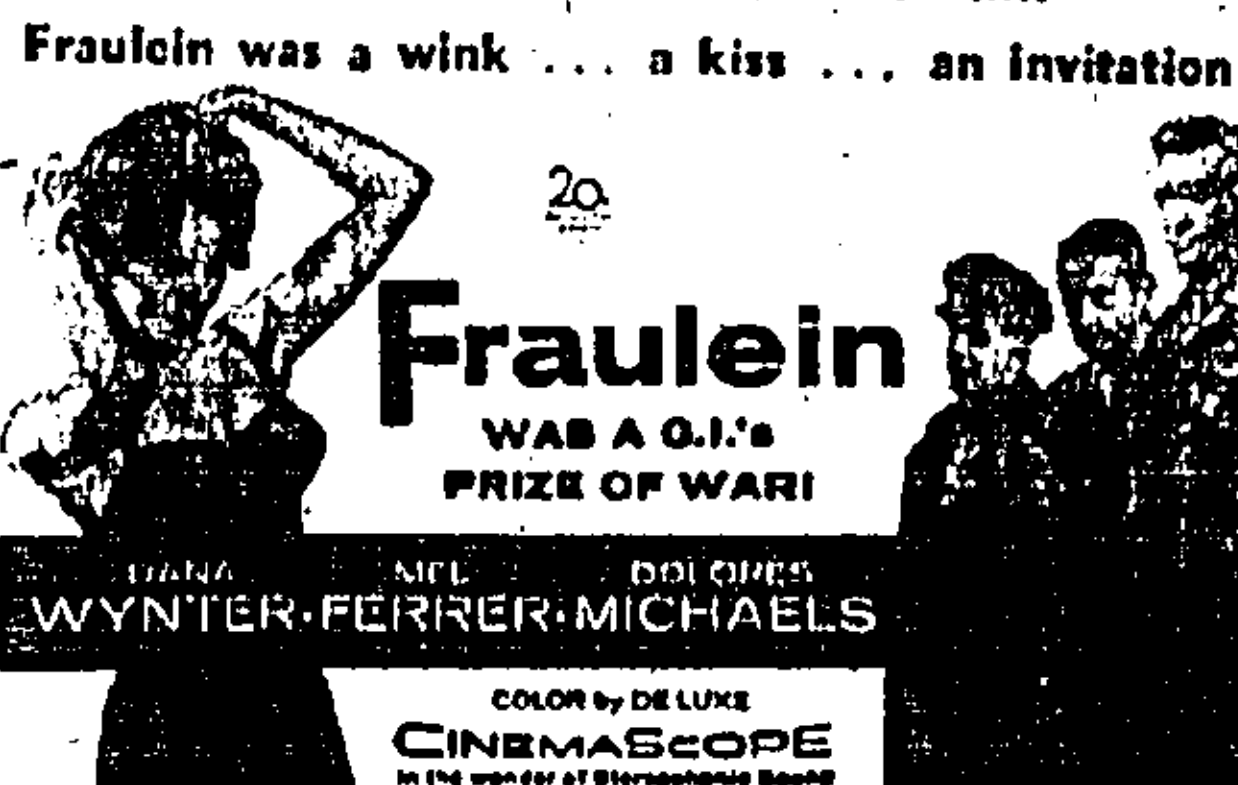


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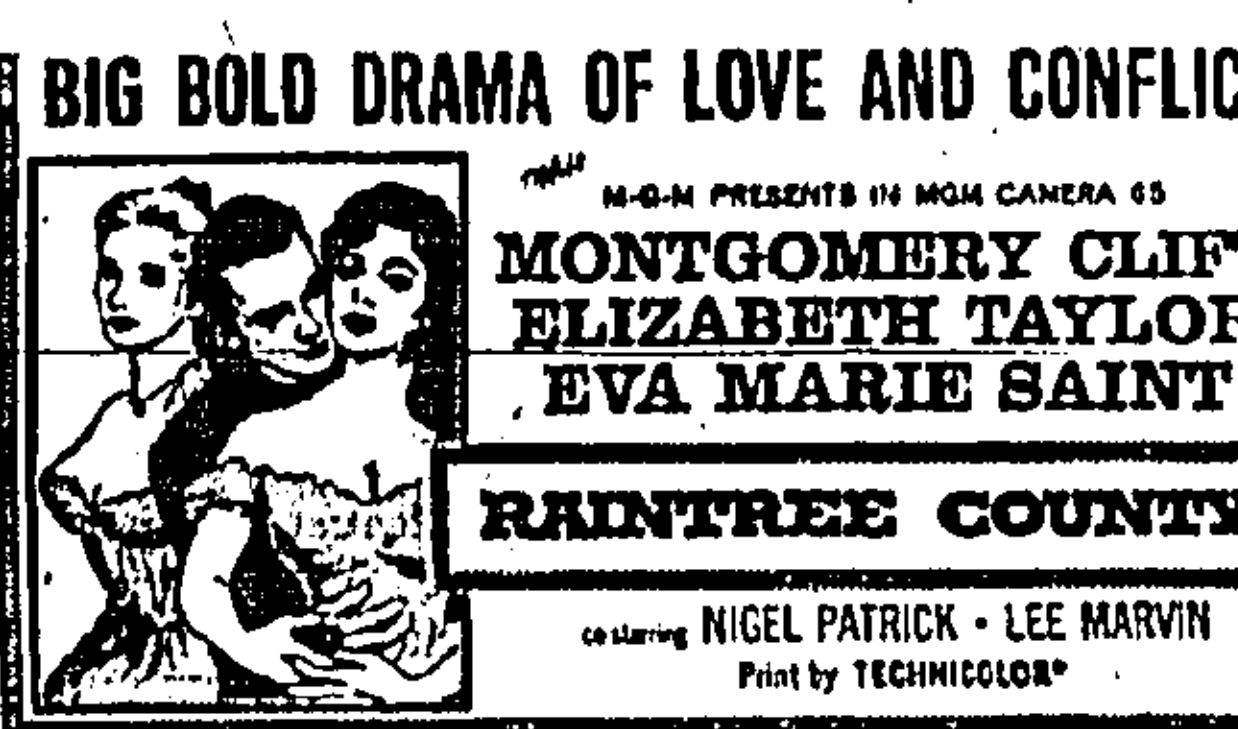


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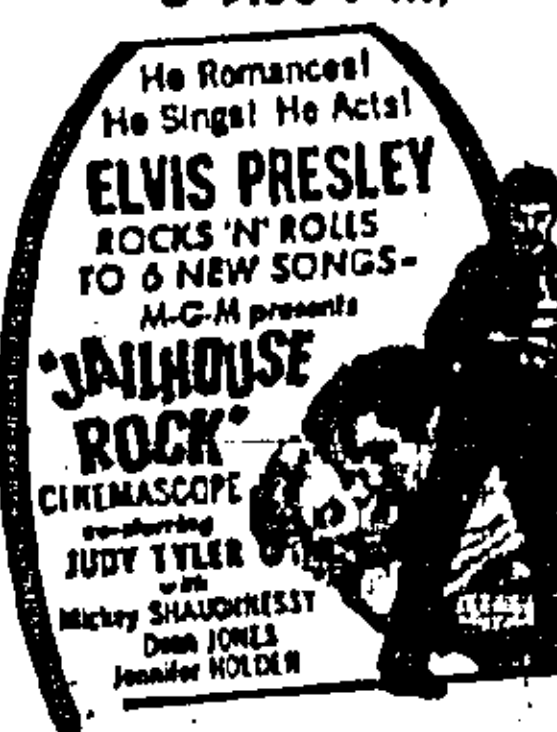
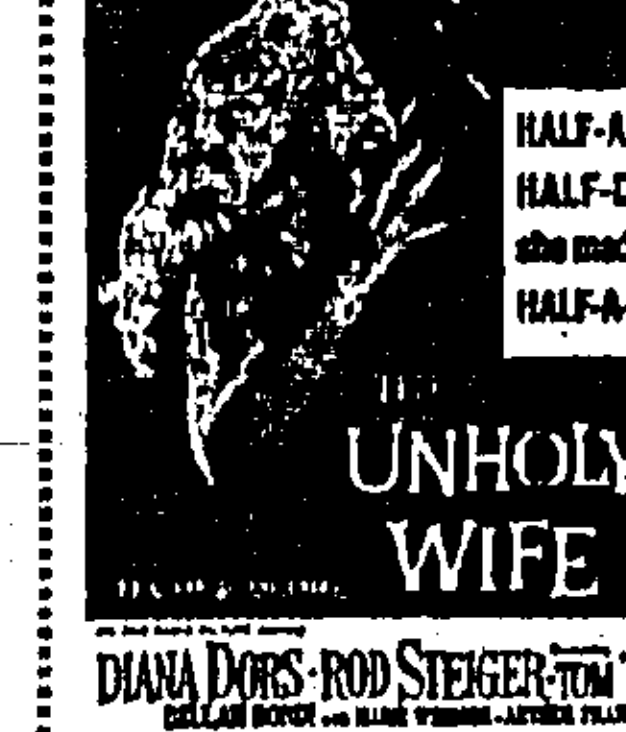
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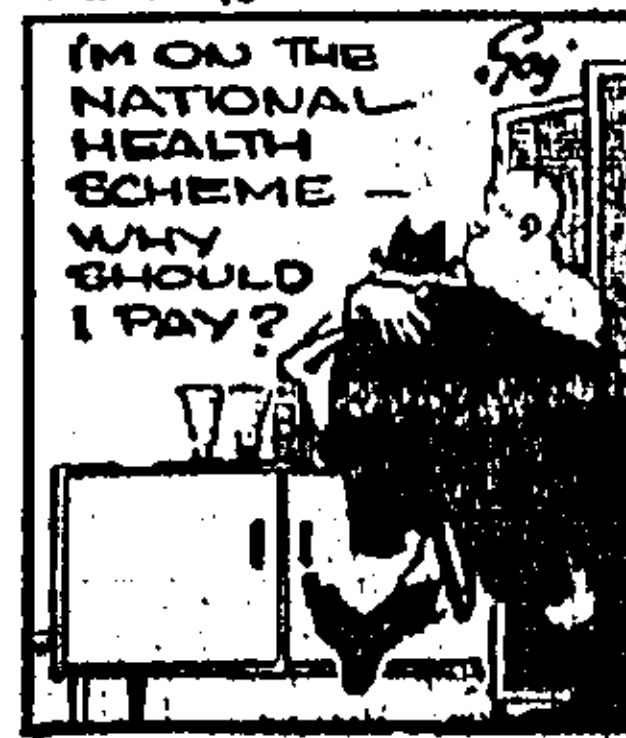


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Taking it with him



CABLE BRIEFS

Hollywood, Apr. 27. Two teenagers apparently abandoned the bank robbery game as bad business after two vain stick-up efforts yesterday. At the first bank, the teller told the unarmed pair: "You'd better not do that." So they left and went to another bank. The second teller said: "Ah, why don't you go away?" They did.—United Press.

Miami Beach, Apr. 27. The Governor said it, not he. The chemist, or sack dress, Gov. Leroy Collins said, is "the symbol of America's post World War One debauchery—the most unattractive female attire of all time." Collins made the comment in addressing a convention of the Florida Education Association.—United Press.

Columbus, Apr. 27. George Adam's patience finally ran out and he decided to wait no longer for his errand wife to return. He filed a divorce suit against his mate, who he hasn't seen since she walked out 40 years ago.—United Press.

London, Apr. 27. British Railway officials prepared to strip a complete railway car of its seats because Tony Skinner, 14, lost his pet during a trip from Birmingham to Cardiff. The pet is a snake.—United Press.

Chicago, Apr. 27. Anti-Cruelty Society officials looked high and low for half an hour yesterday for a stray cocker spaniel. The dog finally turned up—it had jumped into the Society's ambulance, waiting for a ride.—United Press.

London, Apr. 27. The Daily Express today carried a cartoon showing a guard dozing outside the French National Assembly building. He was counting premiers.—United Press.

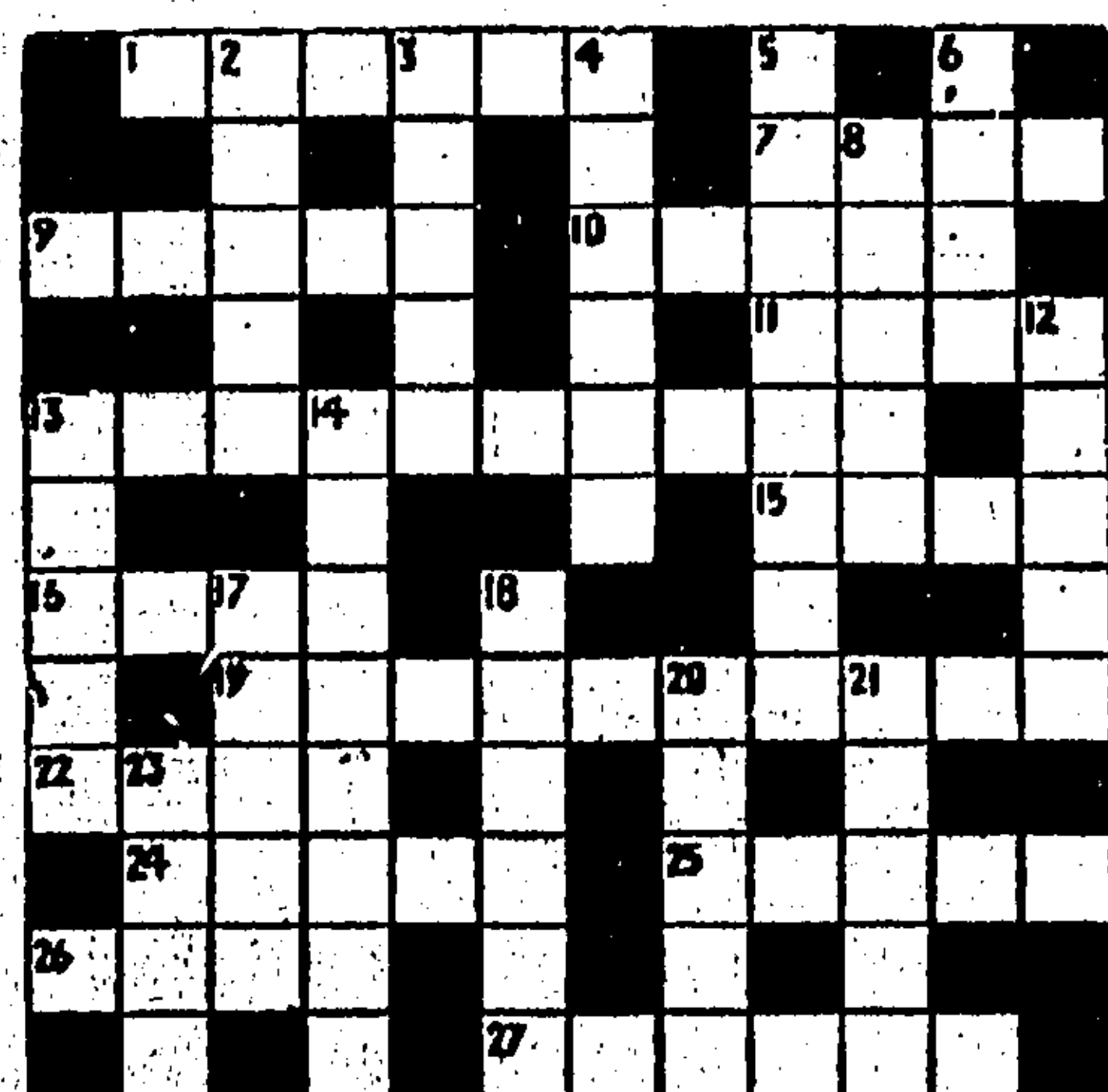
London, Apr. 27. Mrs. Doris Kirkman reported to Nature Magazine today that a chicken laid a nail. She said she found the nail when she cracked her breakfast egg.—United Press.

London, Apr. 27. Thieves who broke into a Hammamsmith shoe store yesterday fitted themselves with new shoes and left their old ones.—United Press.

Nuclear Danger

Jerusalem, Apr. 27. Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion wrote to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, that Israel completely agreed with the Soviet attitude on the dangers of an arms race and the latent dangers of nuclear weapons. It was disclosed today.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Juvenile inclined to pinch? (6)
- 7 Bird much attached to sleepers (4)
- 9 Teases the carpenter (5)
- 10 Break for game (4)
- 11 It is, in a sense, a detective organ (4)
- 13 Dog or a European (10)
- 15 Have a bias towards (4)
- 17 Lovers (6)
- 19 Sounds like a fuel merchant, but isn't (4, 6)
- 22 Composes (4)
- 24 No possible—whatever! (6)
- 25 Old coin (5)
- 26 Catherine? (4)
- 27 Corner boy! (6)

DOWN

- 2 Form of expression (6)
- 3 One before the camera? (5)
- 4 Getting up a rebellion (6)
- 5 Before the arrival of a little stranger (6)
- 6 They go with braces! (4)
- 8 Not in company (6)
- 12 Church dignitary (6)
- 14 Stakes that are regularly collected (6)
- 16 Photographic net (8)
- 18 He takes part (6)
- 19 Grasp some eggs (6)
- 20 Duck (down, naturally) (6)
- 21 That "dirty money" comes times demanded by dockers? (6)
- 23 This cheese is made the wrong way (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Bubbles, 4. Booms, 7. Lord, 9. Stern, 10. Tens, 12. Capital, 13. Minor, 16. Dine, 17. Lovers, 19. Protest, 20. Refuse, 21. Ribs, 23. Front, 24. Action, 26. Grudge, 28. Swayed, Down: 1. He'll, 2. Broomstick, 3. Lees, 5. Outsize, 6. Mortar, 8. Harry, 11. Simulate, 12. Coppa, 15. Tumidly, 16. Lamented, 18. Offer, 25. Boon.

Sources Reveal Dramatic Shift In Policy Towards UAR
Is The US Wooing Nasser?LAIKA'S SPACE
TOMB

HERE is a model of the Sputnik II, the Soviet satellite that carried the now-famous dog, Laika, to its death in space. It whirled around the earth at some 17,840 mph for six months with the body of the dog in a special container, until its recent disintegration. The model is on display at the Brussels International Fair.—Express.

Reported Decision
By The
State Department

Beirut, Apr. 27.

The United States State Department has ordered a dramatic shift in its policy towards United Arab Republic's President Gamal Abdel Nasser and now is actively seeking to better its relations with the Egyptian leader, authoritative sources said today.

The decision to seek better relations with Nasser was made about two weeks after the formal announcement setting up the UAR, they said. At the same time, the State Department decided to set in motion the first gesture before Nasser's visit to Moscow at the end of this month.

POLICE PROBE
THREATS
TO LANA

Hollywood, Apr. 27. Detectives are working on "some new angles" in connection with telephone threats against actress Lana Turner and attorney Jerry Giesler, the Beverly Hills Police Chief, C. H. Anderson, said today.

Mr. Anderson would not disclose what new information had been found in the case, except to say that several persons, whom he would not identify, had telephoned with "what might be helpful information."

He said one of the calls to provide information was made last night to Mr. Giesler, who represented Mrs. Turner following the stabbing of the actor-boy friend, Johnny Scom-pansato, by her 14-year-old daughter, Cheryl.—United Press.

An informed source said the decision came as a result of vigorous recommendations to the State Department policy planners by US Ambassadors in the Middle East.

As a result of these recommendations, the source said, the State Department has decided to abandon its past policy towards Nasser, he said, that, instead, the United States will seek to improve its relations with the UAR by word and deed.

The source said the United States now is ready to demonstrate that its policy is really a change by making concrete gestures.

Unfreezing

Among such gestures which can be expected, the source said, were the unfreezing of Egypt's locked dollar accounts in United States, the resumption of CARE food package shipments, and, if Egypt shows some sign of reciprocating, eventual resumption of some form of US aid.

The decision already is arousing opposition among anti-Nasser leaders in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon who have been informed of the new US approach by American diplomats, the source added.

He said the timing of the new policy was designed to let Nasser know he can have an anchor to windward in the West if he wants it before his Moscow trip.

Bargaining

That knowledge may give Nasser a better bargaining position in Moscow and keep him from overcommitting himself to the Soviets, the source said.

The programme of seeking better US-UAR relations is just one move in a gradual step by step development and not a question of the United States suddenly throwing itself in Nasser's hand, the source said.

He stressed that the State Department will be watching Nasser's Moscow talk closely and added that the policy could be turned off if it appeared Nasser did not want better relations.—United Press.

Jungle Reds
Shot Dead

Sydney, Apr. 27. A five-man Australian patrol shot dead two Communist terrorists in the northern Malayan jungle, the Australian army authorities here announced today.

They said the terrorists were killed in the course of a 45 minute running battle with members of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment.—France-Press.

I Had To
Kill
Them! Says
Ex-Convict

Denver, Apr. 27.

The confessed slayer of three members of a prominent Denver family said today he "had to do it."

Ex-convict David Early today told authorities he was forced to kill 47-year-old attorney Merrill Knight. Then, he said, he shot and killed Knight's wife, Regina, 43, and their daughter, Karen, 15, so there would be no witnesses.

The tall, crew-cut slayer insisted that if Knight had not attempted to escape he would not have been harmed.

MISTAKE

But Early admitted that he "made a mistake" when he shot the family "in order"—shooting them in the order in which they arrived home. This quick allowed the 17-year-old Knight son, Kenneth, to escape and summon help.

Early broke into the home for burglary. As the family came home he fired each up with nylon stockings. When the elder Knight struggled free, Early shot him. Then he decided to eliminate the others. First he shot the mother, lying on the floor in the same room with Kenneth.

Kenneth said he watched his mother killed. Then Early stepped over him and went upstairs to kill Karen who was "next in order." In this interval, Kenneth untied his feet and dashed from the house as Early chased after him, firing one shot.

Kenneth ran to a neighbour's home and shouted for help. The neighbours armed themselves and ran to their car, using it to ram the car Early was driving away from the Knight home.

The neighbours held Early until police arrived.—United Press.

Parachute
Jump
Postponed

Fort Campbell, Apr. 27. A mass parachute drop of the 101st Airborne Division, involving over 5,000 men, was postponed for the third time today because of bad weather, but officials hoped to try again at dawn tomorrow.

The mass jump originally was scheduled to take place at dawn on Saturday as a follow-up in Exercise Eaglewing, which began on Wednesday on a tragic note. Five men were killed and 137 injured after violent gusts of wind slammed them into the rugged terrain.

Army officers said the third decision to postpone the mass jump was caused by weather conditions, which have not changed in 48 hours. Army officials at Fort Campbell said they would make another decision at midnight tonight to decide whether to go ahead with the mass jump at dawn.—United Press.

Helicopter Taxi

London, Apr. 27. Russia's first helicopter "taxi" service will be in service for the opening of the Crimean summer resort season, Moscow Radio reported today.—United Press.

US MAKES 'DIRTY' BOMBS
Senator Urges An
Investigation

Washington, Apr. 27.

Senator Clinton Anderson said today that the US military was taking nuclear bombs out of stockpiles and making them dirtier.

He said the military was "certainly not trying to clean them (the bombs) up."

Senator Anderson said the State Department and military establishment had been at odds over clean vs dirty H-bombs. He explained that the military felt that if the nation got into a destructive war it was better to have instruments of destruction.

Senator Anderson, former chairman and now a member of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, appeared on the NBC television programme "Meet the Press."

IMPROVEMENTS

Elaborating on his TV statement to the United Press, Senator Anderson said that as new improvements were learned the military took nuclear bombs in stockpiles and tried to make them more powerful. By doing so, he added, it made them dirtier.

"I think an investigation will show that," he said.

Senator Anderson said on the TV programme that the military not only supported dirtier bombs "but they have pulled bombs out of the stockpile and inserted something which makes them dirtier."

AGREEMENT

Senator Anderson called for the United States to agree to stop nuclear weapons tests after its forthcoming spring series if adequate inspection measures were agreed on. He said he understood Russia was willing to agree to some sort of inspection system and added that he believed inspection would work.

Senator Anderson said he did not believe Russia was serious about its test-ban offer. But he said the United States should call the Soviet bluff.—United Press.

ANTI-RED FOOD
PRECAUTIONS

Singapore, Apr. 27. Thousands of people living in Johore State, Southern Malaya, will have their rice ration cut tomorrow as security forces step up operations against a gang of 50 terrorists.

Men will get three katis (four lb) of rice a week, women two and a half katis (3-1/2 lb), and children under 12 two katis (2-2/3 lb).

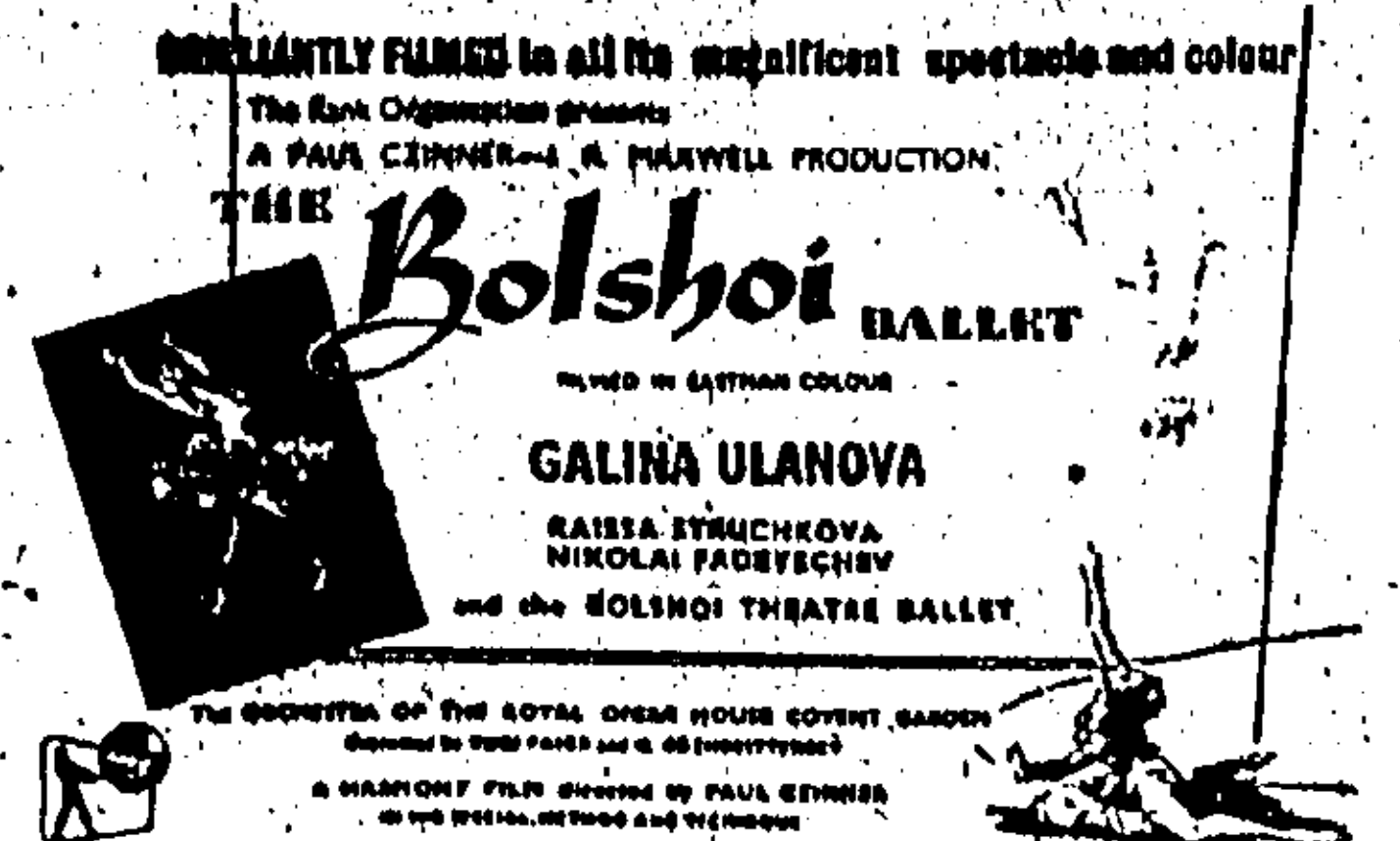
The restrictions are in order to lessen the chances of rice falling into terrorist hands.—Reuters.

Bristol, Apr. 27. Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, Conservative Member of Parliament for Weston-Super-Mare since 1934, died in hospital here today. He was 64.—Reuters.

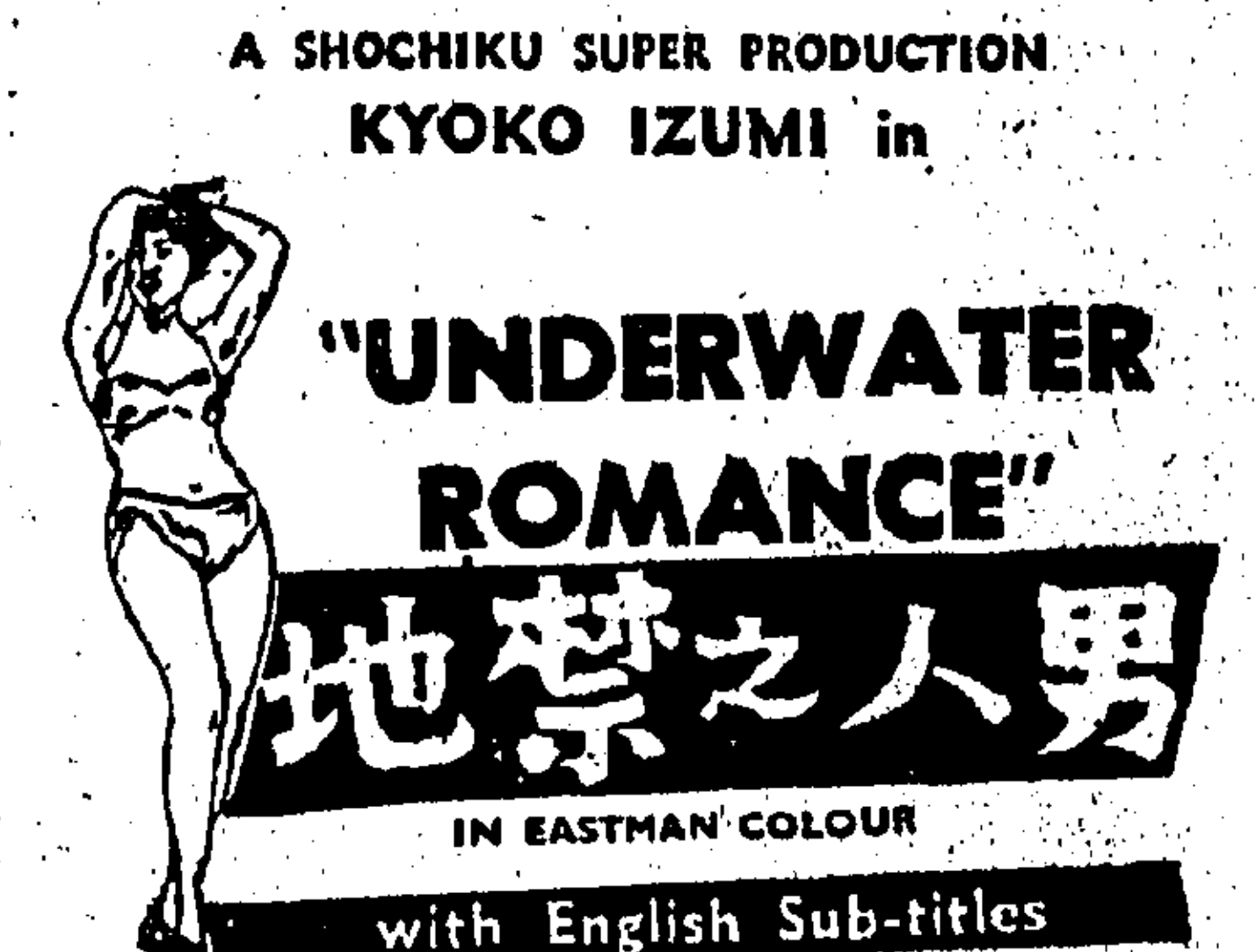
THE NEW COMET TAKES OFF
Behaves 'Splendidly' In 1st Flight

THE new De Havilland Comet jet, which was the first of its kind to be built in Britain, took its first flight today. The aircraft, which was built at Hatfield, Bedfordshire, was flown by Captain John Gurnea, who was the pilot for the first flight. The flight was successful and the aircraft behaved splendidly.

The end of this year for services on routes to Australia, the Far East, South Africa, and the North Atlantic. The Comet has a cruising speed of 510 miles an hour and a range of up to 3,000 miles. It cruises at altitudes between 20,000 and 25,000 feet. It was built at Hatfield, Bedfordshire, and its first flight was on April 27, 1958.

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FEAR

Four tell of the time it came



Stirling Moss



Fred Winter



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Donald Campbell

THE "G" type E.R.A. spun helplessly in its trucks, flames and smoke belching from its bonnet. The moment, at Spa three years ago, was a bad one: a moment of clear, sickening fright for racing motorist STIRLING MOSS, who sat helplessly inside.

Was the car screaming up behind to ram him within split seconds? Or would the flames engulf him first?

By a miracle, nothing hit the E.R.A. Somehow it came to rest by the roadside. Stirling Moss never ran fifteen yards faster than he did from that driving seat to the cover of a nearby ditch.

Once in the ditch, he thought the flames seemed lower. On his stomach, he crawled back to the car, a wary yard at a time.

Didn't happen

AT any second, forty gallons of dynamic racing mixture could have exploded shattering. Crawling would have been scant protection against that kind of fire-bomb.

Luckily, it didn't happen. The engine had blown up, jamming the transmission and firing the oil pump. But the fuel didn't.

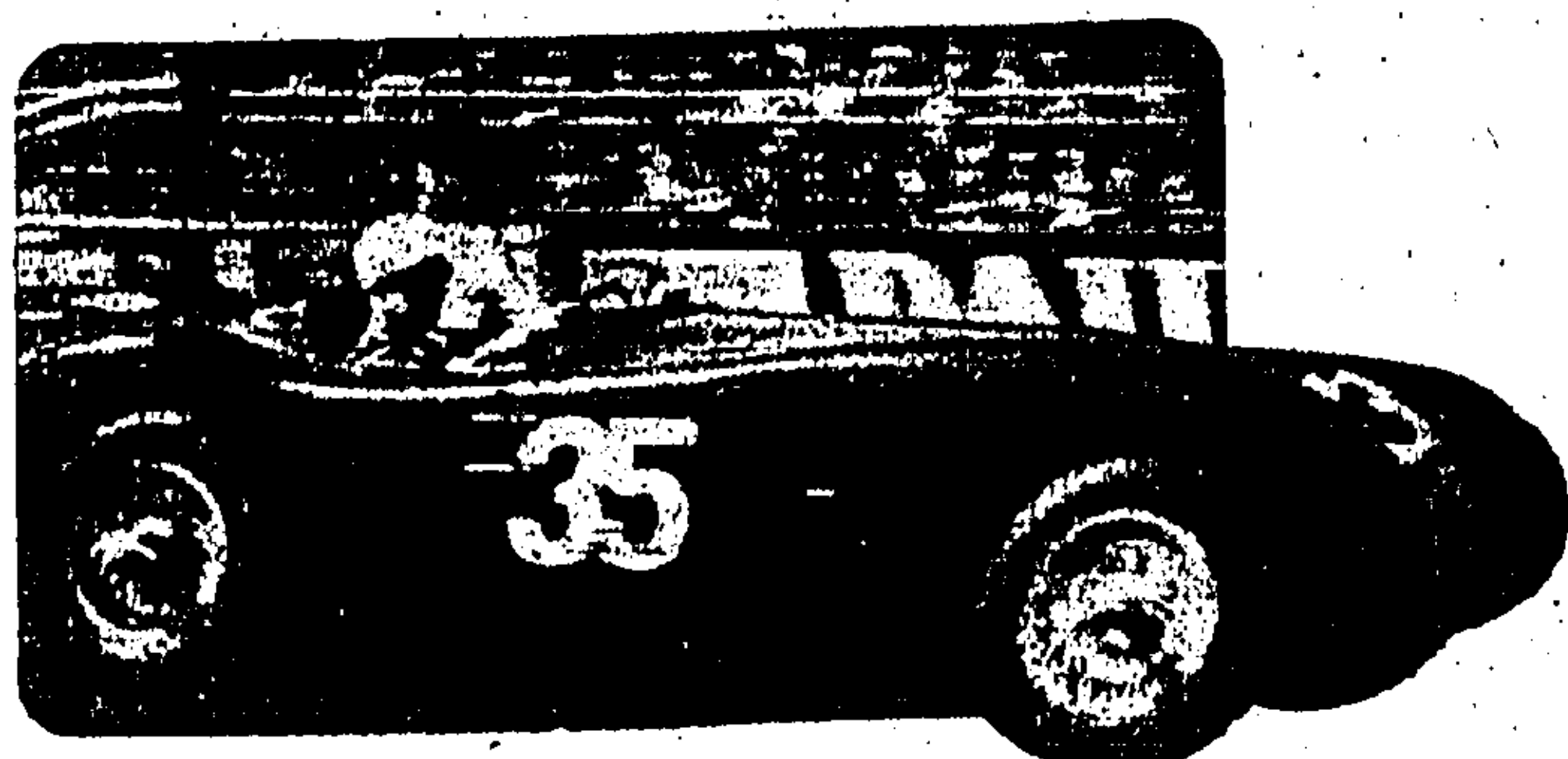
Stirling Moss, during those sickening seconds, felt fear—the kind that brings you out in a cold sweat.

That was interesting—because it was exceptional.

More often, Stirling Moss's cold sweat comes afterwards. During those vital seconds of crisis, the brain has more than enough to do planning schemes for survival, even when there is little left to do.

That was the way it worked when Stirling found a front wheel missing halfway round a 100 m.p.h. corner; and when, dazed and with a broken kneecap, he jumped instinctively and ran twelve yards from a crashed car before collapsing.

It comes to those who live dangerously



STIRLING MOSS RACING ALONG IN HIS JAGUAR

Cold sweat came later. It's a thing they seem to agree on, these men who live dangerously.

Old friend

ASK crack steeplechase jockey FRED WINTER, who knows that moment of danger as an old friend.

"I might mutter a quick prayer when something goes wrong," he says. "There isn't time for much else. Only to hang on like grim death. If

you have bad luck and fall, it's all over in no time."

It's alarming, he admits, to see horses and riders going over like nincompoops. But the winners make it worth while.

Ask BABRO SVENNSON, the young Swedish wife snatched the other day from a blazing tanker that was the grave of half a crew.

"I thought only of my children, that I might be spared for their sake," she told me. "Then I thought of nothing but swimming out of that bowl of fire. There wasn't time."

Ask DONALD CAMPBELL, who quists untrippingly after water-speed glory:

"If I think at all," he will tell you, "it's to ask myself what on earth I am bothering with all this for, instead of lying on a nice quiet beach somewhere."

Going to hell for a holiday. Anyone who has messed about in small boats knows what that can mean when things go wrong, says Donald Campbell.

One answer

ASK a deep-sea trawlerman Skipper GEORGE GLIXBY, just into Hull with an average-to-good catch. Like a good fisherman, he'll answer with a story.

It happened three years ago, he'll tell you, in a terrifying Atlantic gale struck homeward bound from Greenland.

Dodging the icebergs was bad enough. Then came the blinding snow, and the waves fifty to seventy feet high. In a sea like that, a trawler has only one answer: to turn head-to-wind.

But you can get so paralysed by fear that it is hard to make yourself perform the one action that will save you—let alone take time out for thinking.

Some of George's skipper pals knew that it is hard to make yourself perform the one action that will save you—let alone take time out for thinking.

What do we think about during danger? Don't be silly, say the trawlermen.

Danger may wear many cloaks. What of the other

kind, that comes swiftly with a rapped-out command or a clandestine arrest?

Ask a spy—British ex-spy RONALD SETTL, who parachuted alone, a desperate amateur, into mortal danger, and was later left for dead on a Gestapo gallows.

The odd thing was, he tells me, that throughout his training at the spy school it had never struck him that there would be danger.

But an hour before his aircraft reached the dropping point, there came a dreadful moment. "It was craven fear," I prayed hard that the weather would be unsuitable—that, for any reason at all, we would have to turn back. It passed as quickly as it came.

A spy's thoughts in the condemned cell?

"That you had accepted the risk, and here you were, face to face with the worst."

"That once you have experienced the limit of physical pain, you have no more to fear from it."

"That I wanted my wife to know I was sorry about the time we had before I left England—and had no way of telling her."

A spy's thoughts on the scaffold?

No fear, any more, "Just disappointment at not having been able to do more."

Luckily for Seth, an unknown Estonian patriot had fixed the gallows trap, and he lived.

The moment of danger, for spy or speed king, is swiftly gone. But it returns too often to haunt by night.

TOMORROW: WHY DO THEY DO IT?

Something Missing Vancouver Supplied

LONDON LETTER

by Sir Beverley Baxter MP

I WAS in the smoking room of the House of Commons cogitating upon the world, the flesh and politicians when a messenger with an unusual air of self-importance came up to me and said "Toronto wants you." This was sweet news. After all these years abroad to be wanted by one's native city is reassuring to human vanity.

"It's on the phone, Sir," said the messenger. This was a bit of a comedown but as we are all slaves to the tyrant telephone I hastened to the booth and found that the Editor of Maclean's Magazine was at the other end.

"We're doing a special centenary number on Vancouver,"

said the Editor. "Do you think you could do a bit of a job for us? We have pretty well mopped up everything about the place and the history and all that sort of thing but have you any special angle that you could think of?" "Well, I was married there," I replied. "That's fine," said the Editor. "Cable it by noon tomorrow. All the best."

Years and years ago, when oceans were oceans and train travel was an adventure, my brother and I used to go to the Union Station in Toronto to watch the emigrant trains pause on their way to the distant West. In a gamble for a new life these men and women had pulled up stakes to venture into the unknown. They did not realise that they were playing a vital part in the birth of a nation. Some day, my brother said I vowed, we would see the

West but how and when and why?

But England was to come first. In 1914 a benevolent Government was offering young men free transportation to the British Isles. Thus with a lot of other fellows we embarked for Halifax and with five thousand fellow Canadians set sail for England and the war. Vancouver was further away than ever.

Now let us leapfrog over the years. It is 1922 on a rainy Sunday evening. Tommy Mac-

MacKinnon, a Canadian ex-soldier who had stayed in London after the war dropped in for a cocktail at my bachelor flat in Westminster. I had intended to go to a party not far away and tried to get on the telephone to tell the host that MacKinnon would like to come along but the line was busy. Let us repeat these words—BUT THE LINE WAS BUSY. On such fine threads are the fates woven.

Dirty Night

"Let's dine here," I said. "It's a dirty night anyway. Sorry I can't supply two females at this short notice." In other words we would dine, talk, drink and in due course Mac-

MacKinnon would go home. It was comforting not to have to go out and anyway it is always difficult to get a taxi when it's raining. An early night and so to bed—what could be better as a preparation for a hard week's work on the Sunday Express?

"I think I might get a couple of girls," said Tommy MacKinnon. "The Letsons from Vancouver have taken a house near St. John's Wood," and what were the Letsons? And why in the dickens couldn't MacKinnon stop interloping with my rights as host?

By that time MacKinnon had gone into the next room and was on the telephone. I could hear him talking to someone. Then he returned. "They'll be here in half an hour," he said. "The two girls, that is."

Mr servant was duly informed. MacKinnon entered on a minute description of how he had cured himself of a golf pick and now was suffering from a book. The coals in the fire-

grate crackled as if it was all a great joke.

Then the sisters arrived. Edith and Ethel Letson from Vancouver. They differed in type yet both were attractive, but the older sister Edith walked straight into my heart and into my senses. I would have proposed marriage to her as soon as she arrived if the conventions allowed.

For the next few weeks I saw a lot of them. In fact their home in St. John's Wood was a rendezvous for Canadians in London and there was great talk and argument with the Letson sisters, the Letson brothers (Harry and Gordon) and life was good. The relentless weeks passed by and then the Letsons set sail for home and returned to their native Vancouver. For a time there were letters to and from Edith but they became more infrequent. Under Beaverbrook's dynamic leadership the Express Newspapers were plunging ahead transforming British popular journalism and playing an important role in the development of post-war politics. Vancouver seemed far away.

Life for a bachelor in London was pleasant enough. Every morning I rode in the Row which was a good exercise for the horse, and in the early hours of the morning I returned from the nocturnal pursuit of getting the newspaper to press. It was exciting, it was dramatic but something—or rather someone—was missing.

So in due course I went home to Toronto and after a visit with my mother and sister I duly embarked for the long trek to Vancouver. How strange to be marrying someone after so long a separation! How strange to be marrying in Vancouver where I knew no one but the Letson family. But Nature was in a benevolent mood which would show that the Letsonian could hold his own in Vancouver.

As Editor of the Sunday Express I had secured promises that there would be cables of congratulations from Arnold Bennett, H.G. Wells, champion jockey Steve Donoghue, Lord Beaverbrook, Bernard Shaw, and other celebrities of the printed word and of the theatre. Toronto was not going to bow its head to Vancouver.

Hour after hour the churning wheels of the trans-continental train ground their way towards the city that was known as the Sun-Soul of the West. And so there came the moment when, the negro porter said, "Vancouver in fifteen minutes, Sir," and braced me like a horse about to enter the paddock for the big race.

Slower and slower went the train and then crawled into the Vancouver station, stopped and let out a gigantic sigh as if its heart had burst. And so I was greeted by the Letsons in force and after all that time I saw the girl who was to be my wife and my heart leaped with joy and content.

The Press

In the next three or four days before the wedding there were endless parties and in the course a very young reporter came for an interview and quite rightly knew nothing whatever about me. With proper modesty I gave him the names of the famous men who had sent me messages. In short it was Toronto putting Vancouver in its place. The next day in the newspaper there was the following paragraph. In the social column:

"Mr Beverley Baxter who is marrying a native daughter Miss Edith Letson has had congratulatory messages from H. Wells, Steve Donoghue, Arthur Bennett, Bernard Shaw and Lord Beaverbrook." Alas for human vanity! The Beaver was the only one he got right.

But despite the social roundabout I had time to study and enjoy the beautiful city of the Pacific coast called Vancouver. Nature was in a benevolent mood which brought into unity the sun-sparkled sea and the blue-grey mountains as if to

emphasise that Vancouver was a place apart. Montreal has its river and its hills, and Toronto an island-guarded harbour but nothing can take the place of the sea with its restless tides and its sun-gilt path to far off lands.

Vancouver is the setting for a poet, for a dreamer and for a beachcomber. If I lived there I would start on a novel and never finish it for how can words compete with the glory of the sea and the hills? Even on the golf links there are slopes to remind us that at the birth of the world there was pain. Because of the sea with its gilded beauty one feels in touch with both the realist West and the mystic East. Neither the scorching heat of the Toronto summer nor the long winter slugs of Montreal mar the gentle compromise of Vancouver.

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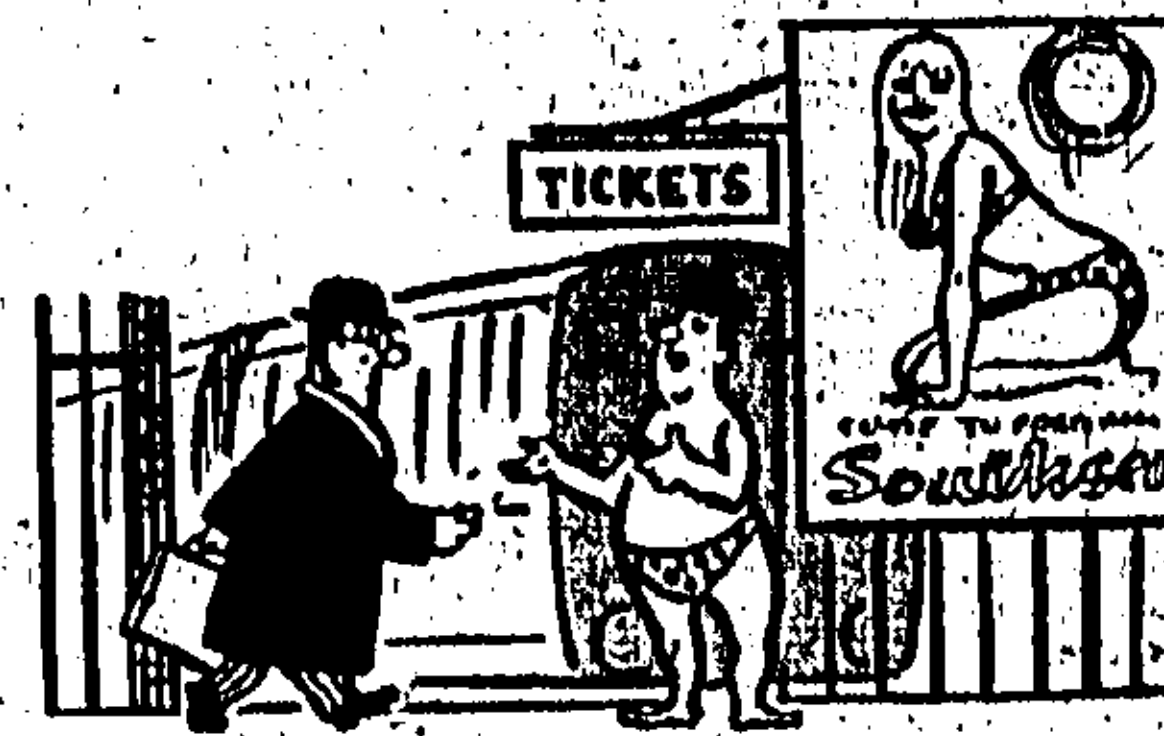
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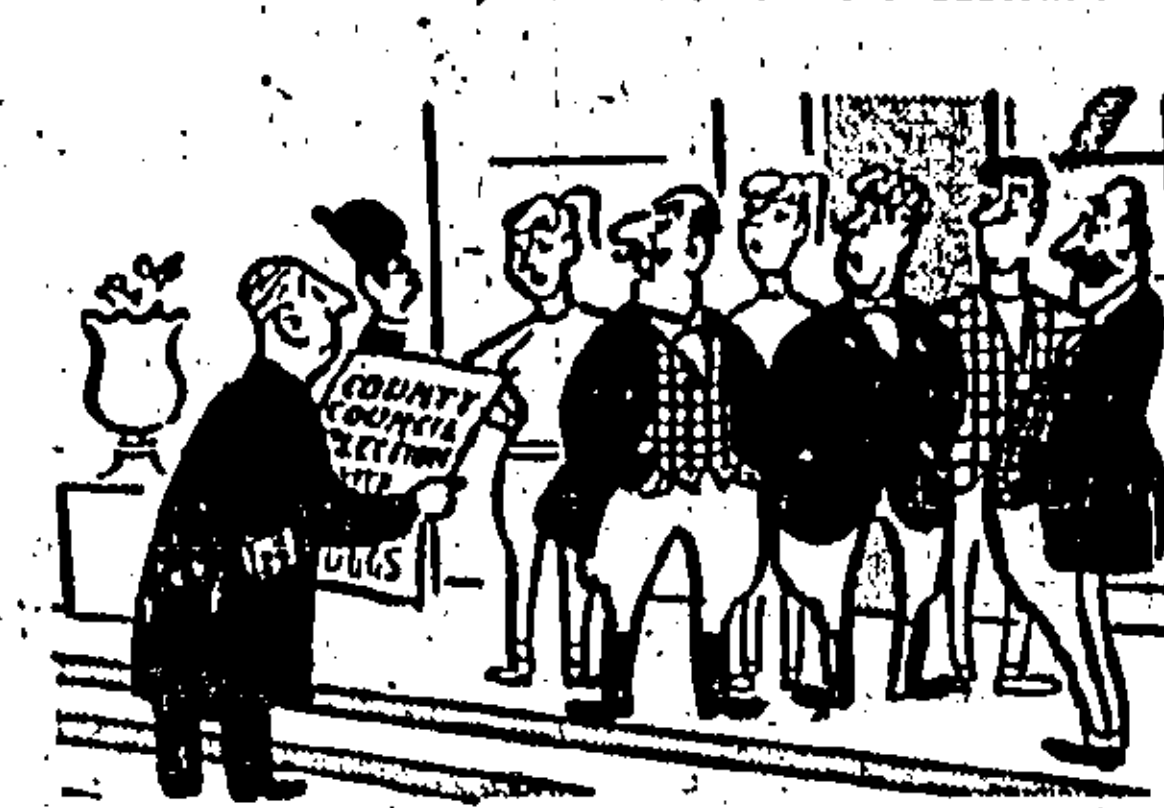
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Friell



"We're just trying to operate the Tribunal's findings, sir: save money and attract more custom!"



"My good man, what have we to do with votes? We are the County!"



"His first problem is to get a really clean bomb, then he's going to test a series of recessions with soft soap!"

ROUND-UP

Death Spot Mystery Deepens

BAHRAIN. EIGHT years ago, two DC-4 passenger aircraft, owned by Air France, plunged into the sea in Sitra anchorage, off Bahrain. The two accidents happened within 48 hours, with the loss of 85 lives.

In February this year, the 7,500-ton Strick Line freighter Seistan blew up at the same spot, with the loss of 80 lives.

Last week, British divers found within feet of the ill-fated freighter, the wreckage of two more aircraft—one a two-seater and the other a passenger airplane.

The two-seater has been raised. The cockpit and instrument panel were undamaged. Inside the plane were three Indian sailors.

A Ministry of Civil Aviation spokesman here stated definitely that no aircraft were known to have crashed in this area with the exception of the Air France planes, which were recovered.

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But the secret of the chemicals he used went with him to the grave.

The Rainmaker Is Dead

LOS ANGELES. FROM Pearlblossom, California, last week came the news that Hatfield the Rainmaker has been dead since January.

Under his full professional name of Charles Melville Hatfield, he used to charge one thousand dollars an inch on his rainmaking contracts.

The public news of his death came from San Diego, the scene of his most successful and least profitable rainmaking venture. An undertaker there reported that he died in Pearlblossom, near San Diego, on January 12.

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Cosmetic Millionaire Aids Art Festival

ROME. HELENA Rubenstein, one of the world's richest women, has offered over 270,000 towards the Festival of Two Worlds, an Italian-born American opera composer. Gino Cappelletti thought up the Festival idea and has bought up an old hotel at Spoleto, on the edge of Monte Luca. Eager young volunteer workers are trying to get it into shape for the opening on June 5.

At the hotel, workmen are busily painting everything black and white—the Festival's colour motif. In the old village, Countess Orsini, who heads the local guild, is converting many of the medieval shops into sophisticated boutiques.

Helena Rubenstein spent 24 hours in Spoleto looking over the Festival preparations and handing out enormous tips to one and all.

It has taken Menotti and a handful of young people two years to get the Festival going. Money has come in from "celebrity" individuals as well as organizations like the Ford Foundation.

But it is basically an Italian and American affair this year. The Festival covers painting, ballet, theatre and music. Most of the performers are young and unknown.

Radioactivity Count Up

VIENNA. RADIO-ACTIVITY in the air over Vienna has increased twelvefold in recent weeks, according to the Vienna State Meteorological Station.

Rain falling over Austria has a far higher radio-activity than ever measured before, they say.

Experts believe that this may be the result of unsuccessful H-bomb experiments in Russia.



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St. George's Day Celebrations
Marco Polo Charity Ball
Police Parade at P.T.S. Aberdeen
Swissair party at Gloucester Hotel
Scouts Rally & Prize Presentation at KCC
Opening Luis Chan one-man show at St. John's Cathedral
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This Funny World



"I'm glad I'm not one of your employees."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

IT is not every day that a conductor's baton slips from his hand and "wings its way" (Keats) over the heads of the orchestra. This happened recently at the Festival Hall. The musicians ducked, "and all was well" (Shelley).

Some years ago, when Richter was conducting at the Municipal Theatre in Dresden, a similar incident occurred, and a violinist was struck on the chest. "With mainly recent music" (Browning) he buried his violin at the conductor, and caught him on the left knee. "Fifteen all!" cried an exuberant young oboist. The incident is described in detail in Mr. J. H. Morton's admirable "Life of Gounod," now in its 40th edition.

Saying of the year

It is impossible, with the scientific knowledge available to us, to ascertain what proportion of what meat there is in a sausage.

(Minister of So-Called Food).

BUT somewhere, behind the barbed wire, the best brains are tracking down strange, baffling meals unknown in Science.

A circle is not a hole

MR JUSTICE COCKLE-CARROT yesterday quoted the case of Commodore Dulce versus Fulgrave Steam Projects Ltd. and Mrs. Pollett. It appears that a Mr. Shilman had claimed that a reference made by his thumb and forefinger, with the tips joined, was a hole. This was allowed, with the proviso that it was the finger and thumb which outlined the hole, and made it visible. Mrs. Pollett objected that there was no tax on fingers and thumbs. Engineer-room artificer Quelch deposed that Mrs. Pollett had described a circle in the dust with a shoe. Dr. Sagardin said that such a circle could not be described as a hole unless Mrs. Pollett was prepared to dig down through the earth and out at the other side. It was ruled that a superficial circle is not a hole.

Dernier cri

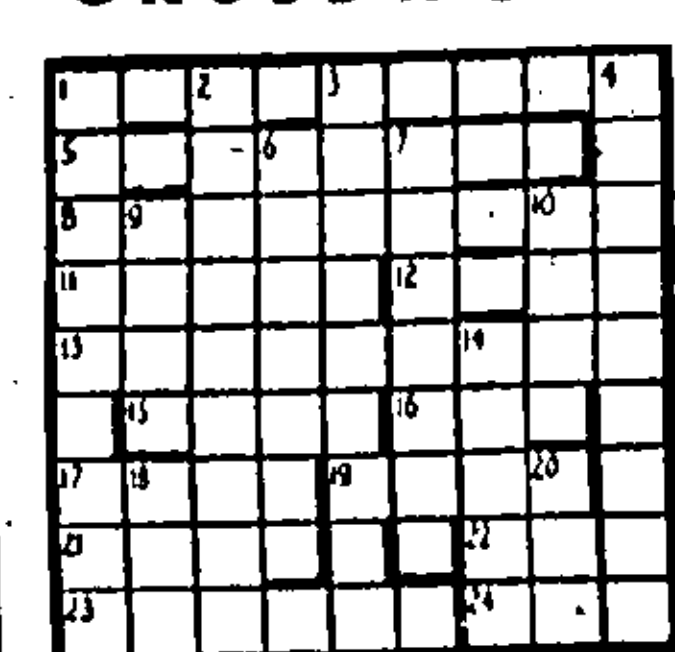
A CLOTHES-HORSE is reported as trying to make as much fuss

about their clothes as women do. I would like to see her escorted by a man whose trousers ended just above the knee, and with a tiny brimless bowler perched on his head.

Tralala!

A SCIENTIST who learned the language of Japanese monkeys and held conversations with them went to the Belgian Congo to talk to the African monkeys. To his great disappointment he found that they did not understand him. "African monkeys," he said, "don't talk the Japanese monkey language." I wonder if this scientist knows the story of the anthropologist who, after a visit to a night club here, said, "I never knew that baboons could talk American."

CROSSWORD



1. Ho help! Across (4-5)
2. African animal. (9)
3. Revolt. (5)
4. Disrespectfully. (4)
5. Dishonour. (4-5)
6. Mediator. (4)
7. Vehicle. (3)
8. Admiring. (4)
9. Years and years. (4)
10. Another 16 aircraft. (3)
11. Near East dictator. (3)
12. Urge on. (3)
13. Imposter. Down (4)
14. Deception. (9)
15. Road sign. (6)
16. Back. (6)
17. (7)
18. A fiver. (7)
19. Always. (4)
20. Oboe. (4)
21. Desert. (4)
22. N o t a d i e. (4)
23. Droop. (3)
Saturday's Solution

JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Peculiar Play Assures Six

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE student gazed at the expert with awe. "Why did you try the heart finesse before you went after the spades and how did you know enough to play the spades so peculiarly?" he asked.

"Easy," replied the expert. "I wanted to make six no-trump and I needed a total of six tricks in the major suits for my contract. If I could collect three heart tricks I would only need three in spades. Hence, I tried the heart finesse before

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♥ A J 8		♥ 10 8 4 2	
♦ A Q 2		♦ 10 9 7 3	
♣ A Q J 7		♣ 10 6 4 3	
SOUTH (D)		WEST	
♠ K J 3 2		♠ 10 7 6	
♥ K J 7		♥ Q 8 5	
♦ K J 6		♦ 8 5 2	
♣ A Q 10		♣ 8 5 2	
Both vulnerable		SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST	
INT. Pass GNT. Pass		Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ 2			

going after the spades. When it worked my spade play was designed to win at least three spade tricks against any combination. Of course, if the heart finesse had lost I would have gone after four spade tricks."

The expert had commenced proceedings in spades by cashing the king in his own hand. Then he played the deuce of spades and when West played the seven the expert won the trick with dummy's nine.

The reader will note that the expert's play was sure to win three spade tricks against any combination of cards. Should the suit break three-two he could not lose more than one trick on any play. With the actual four-one break West was held to one spade trick. If East held four spades he would have been helpless also. West would have shown out on the second lead whereupon the expert would have gone up with dummy's ace and led back to his guarded jack.

Q—The bidding has been:
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DAVIS CUP RESULTS

Brazil, Spain, India, Chile, Czechs & West Germany Through To Second Round

Budapest, Apr. 27.

Brazil gained a winning 3-1 lead over Hungary in the European Zone first round Davis Cup tie here today.

Carlos Fernandez, of Brazil, clinched the tie when he defeated Istvan Gulyas, the Hungarian Champion, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Brazil won one Singles match on Friday and the Doubles yesterday. They meet Britain in the second round.

In the final Singles today, Adriano Adams, of Hungary, beat Ivo Hrbeta 5-7, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 after a three-hour battle.

Brazil won the tie 3-2.

AT ZAGREB

Czechoslovakia won both the Singles games today on the third day of their Davis Cup action. Yugoslavia to make the final result 5-0.

Jiri Javorcik beat Kamilo Kestice 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 and P. Henda beat Ivo Pilecovic 3-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

Czechoslovakia will meet Denmark in the second round.

AT MONTE CARLO

India gained a winning 3-0 lead over Monaco in the European Zone first round Davis Cup tie here today.

They clinched the tie when Ramanathan Krishnan and Nares Kumar trounced Charles Pasquier and Roland Botghini 6-0, 6-1, 6-3 in the Doubles.

India, who won two Singles matches yesterday, will meet Italy in the second round.

AT CAIRO

Spain completed a 3-1 victory over Egypt in the European Zone first round tie here today when the two remaining Singles matches were shared.

Andrés Gimeno (Spain) beat Nabil Hassan 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

Pakistan Team Of 105 For Asian Games

Lahore, Apr. 27.

The Pakistani contingent to the Third Asian Games in Tokyo will consist of 105 members, the Pakistani Olympic Association announced today.

In accordance with the provision of the Association, the Pakistani hockey team under Captain Abdul Hamid will consist of 10 members.

Hasidat Abdul Khalik of the Pakistani Army will be included in the 10-member athletic team.

The strength of the other teams is as follows: wrestling, 3; weightlifting, 3; football, under Captain Nabil Chaudhry; 18; cycling, 4; swimming, 4; boxing, 6; shooting, 3.

The Chief Commissioner of Karachi will accompany the team as Chief de Mission.

Asad's foremost sprinter, Haidat Abdul Khalik, who was the sick list because of an injured vein in his knee, is now in peak form. He has covered 100 metres in 10.3 seconds.—United Press.

Stan Leonard Wins Las Vegas Tournament

Las Vegas, Apr. 27.

Stan Leonard (Canada) won the \$40,000 Golf Tournament of Champions by one stroke here today.

The final round of 68 gave him a 72-hole total of 275.

Billy Casper (California) was second with 276 and Frank Stranahan (Ohio) third with 280. First prize was worth US\$10,000.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 15th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday, 10th May, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 30th April, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

KMB SKIPPER SHOWS GOOD SENSE

But What Does A Player Have To Do To Get His Marching Orders?

Asks I. M. MacTAVISH

How much is a good skipper worth to a football team . . . and what does a player have to do in this modern age to receive his marching orders?

These were the two salient questions that came out of yesterday's sadly disappointing game at Boundary Street in which Championship-chasing KMB brushed aside a weak as water challenge from CAA and scored a well merited 6-1 victory.

Not for a single moment in this encounter were the Busmen in any danger of being beaten. They had the touch of class that was totally absent in the playing and plans of the opposition.

They were strongest where CAA were weakest and long before the end thousands of frustrated fans had already left the ground, and as many more remained in their seats merely to see if a feud which was smouldering between certain players would actually burst into an all-consuming flame.

That thought takes me right back to the two questions which I asked in the opening paragraph of this report, and I will try to present all the predisposing circumstances as fairly as I can.

Had The Measure

In the early stages of the game Chow Shiu-hung, who found that he had the measure of Chung Wing, the CAA left back. The winger had the edge over his immediate opponent both in speed and skill . . .

But instead of exploiting these advantages solely for the benefit of his side he also indulged in far too much fancy stuff which was obviously intended to show the crowd just how clever he was . . . and this he did at the expense of Chung Wing.

Oh, at first it all looked harmless enough, but as the game progressed and the provocation persisted it became painfully obvious that trouble lay ahead.

Bubble Bursts

The bubble finally burst about thirteen minutes before the end.

The ball ran loose on the KMB right wing and Chow Shiu-hung carried it out to a spot near the corner flag where Chung Wing raced into the tackle. There was nothing powderpuff about the tackle but at the same time there was nothing in it which justified Chow Shiu-hung's subsequent actions.

The winger pivoted round and as Chung Wing lay on the ground he was hit hard on the back of the legs by one of Chow Shiu-hung's flying boots.

The incident happened within touching distance of the crowd and they demonstrated loud and long against the Busmen's conduct. The referee was on the spot immediately and it seemed that he had ordered the winger from the field.

He certainly spun him round and noted Chow's number on the wee black book . . . but

when the trainers had carried away the injured Chung Wing it was seen that Chow Shiu-hung was still on the field a free kick had been awarded to CAA!!!

"The crowd gave Chow a very rough and noisy passage indeed. When Chung Wing eventually hobbled back to the game it was apparent that the fans expected fireworks and it was then that KMB found the real value of a clear-thinking and experienced skipper.

Timely

Tang Sum . . . and some of the more observant KMB officials . . . saw just how things were shaping and they withdrew Chow Shiu-hung to the right back position.

Some of the KMB players did not like the new arrangement and waved the winger off field again, but Tang Sum soon showed them who was boss. I believe his timely rearrangement of the KMB team prevented a major incident . . .

but having watched this thing happen I join all those good folks who after the game were asking just what a player has to do to get his marching orders . . . and to that I add my other question . . . what is a good skipper worth to a team?

In my opinion, to which as an eyewitness I am surely entitled, Chow Shiu-hung deserved the maximum penalty for his thoughtless action. His conduct has already led to one period of suspension this season and may have cost KMB their chance of winning the Senior Shield.

With two games still to go in the race for the League Championship, and a vital meeting with South China to be played next Sunday, he could once again have put his side in a most difficult position . . . and he may also have ruined his own personal chances of going to Tokyo for the Asian Games.

In fairness to all concerned let me say that I talked to the KMB officials after the game and they were every bit as critical of the winger's action as were the crowd who howled their disapproval both when the incident happened and again when Chow left the field in the middle of a pack of KMB players who obviously expected trouble.

Fortunately the good nature of the Hongkong fans prevailed and the crowd dispersed on a quiet note.

Little Else

From a writer's point of view the incident was maybe a gift from the gods, for truth to tell there was very little else worth writing about.

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will want to forget this game as quickly as possible.

Capacity Crowd

Boundary Street once again lived tight up to its fan-pulling reputation and a capacity crowd—both inside the ground and on the adjoining vaning points—greeted the players as they took the field.

CAA's recent good form gave an air of expectation to the affair . . . but two snap KMB goals in the 17th and 19th minutes finished the game as a serious encounter.

The first was a crackerjack shot on the turn by Lau Kai-chu which left Jimmy Chang helpless. Two minutes later in a goalmouth melee the goalie failed to hold the ball and it rebounded to Lau Chi-lam who smacked it into the net.

In the 34th minute Lau Chi-lam sent a great shot raging into the net . . . but soon afterwards Chen Ning-chih scored the best goal of the afternoon when he got his head to a free cross from Tam Kam-moon and beat Wai Fat-kim although the Celery goalkeeper did manage to get his hands to the ball.

The sides turned round with the score sheet reading 3-1 in favour of KMB, but whatever hopes CAA had of a second half revival, they were quickly shattered when two minutes after the start Lau Kai-chu ran off on his own and tucked the ball away in the corner of the net.

In the 75th minute the big centre forward got his own third goal and his side's fifth when Jimmy Chang let a simple header slip through his grasp and into the net.

Generally KMB showed some indication of a return to normal form and Chan Tai-hung did quite well in Lau Tim's place at centre-half. Lau Chi-lam was very suspect and Leung Ki-lam Kam-long and Lau Kai-chu were particular offenders . . . while on the other side Sit Kam-hung came under the ban of the referee and was booked.

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Belgian Wins Cycling Race

Liege, Apr. 26.

Belgium's cycling champion, Freddy De Bruyne, today won the Liege-Bastogne-Liege professional road cycling race when he covered the 240 kilometres in 8 hours, 58 minutes.

His compatriots, Jos Theunis and Alphonse Van Denbrande, were respectively second and third in the same time. Ireland's Seamus Elliot was 15th. —France-Press.

MATT BUSBY RETURNS HOME



Sharing a compartment with his wife in the Rhinegold Express, Matt Busby, manager of the Manchester United football team, travels back to England after weeks spent in Munich's Rechts der Isar Hospital, where he was treated for injuries received in the air crash which killed several members of his team, and injured others.—Express Photo.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Jack Sanford Pitches A Five-Hitter As Phillies Beat Milwaukee 6-2

New York, Apr. 27.

Jack Sanford, the National League's Rookie of the Year in 1957, pitched a five-hitter and Richie Ashburn hit his first homer in two years today to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-2 triumph over the Milwaukee Braves.

The Chicago Cubs defeated the San Francisco Giants, 5-4, and the Los Angeles Dodgers walloped the St. Louis Cardinals, 10-3, in the other games. A Pittsburgh-Cincinnati doubleheader was rained out.

Sanford, a 19-game winner last season, picked up No. 2 of 1958 as he struck out seven batters. The Phillies supported him with a 12-hit attack that included Ashburn's first homer since April 29, 1956, and a double by Wally Post. World Series hero Lew Burdette was charged with four runs in five innings and lost his second straight today when they unleashed a 14-hit attack to score a 6-2 victory over the Indians.

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THE GAMBOLS

I fancy an old with my partner tonight

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A WARNING TO CUP FINALISTS

The Tax Man Is After Those Various "Perks"

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

Players of Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers take heed. Go easy with your "perks" for TV appearances, newspaper articles, souvenir booklets, autographed photographs and the rest of the money-making sidelines connected with reaching the Cup Final.

It isn't all buns. Big Brother is watching you from the Income Tax office window. Orders have gone out from the Inland Revenue to clamp down hard on these extra earnings.

That they have already been put into operation came as a shock to most of Birmingham's 1956 Cup Final performers. They recently received heavy demands from the tax man.

One player has been asked for £100, at least which makes it quite clear that as fast as the Football League introduces new charters to improve the financial standing of the professional footballer, Big Brother is going to whack it off them. And why not, indeed?

Coventry City's new chairman, Walter Brandish, has his name perpetuated in another field of sport: "Brandish Corner" was named after him when he crashed there and broke a leg in the 1923 Maxx T.T.

Tasty Bait!

Although Stan Cullis could have his pick of half-a-dozen managerial jobs, he would never leave Wolves voluntarily. But a wonder whether the offer of two oil wells and a £215,000 air-conditioned ocean-going yacht would tempt him? That's the kind of bait Houston University dangled before American football coach Bud Wilkinson. Bud didn't bite.

I mention this because the idea of transfer fees for players is under review in soccer in Britain following Frank Soo's transfer from one Swedish club to another for £1,000. The former Stoke and England wing-half is lucky compared with the majority of our managers. All they get is a kick in the pants to speed their departure—and some are due for the treatment shortly.

Last time Charlton clashed with another London club for promotion was in 1929, when they just slipped Crystal Palace by a decimal goal.

Down £3,000

"That's a little more like the figure," but it's still quite a bit to pay for a reserve team player," said Harry Johnston, when I told him Dave Frith, the Blackpool full-back, could be obtained for £2,000. When the Reading manager last inquired about Frith of his old club he was quoted as saying £3,000.

Tommy Lawton tells me he knows nothing about reported offers for Ken Tucker, Leyton Orient were said to be keen on signing the former West Ham left-winger on Notts County's transfer list.

If pays dividends to have a gimmick, ask Bournemouth's Ollie Norris, "Mad Irishman," "Leaping Devil," "Jack-in-a-Box" are just a few of the printable tags they gave him after the jumping antics which helped to knock Wolves and Spurs out of the Cup last season. Ollie laughed it off. He's still having a good chuckle as he stocks his Bournemouth shop for the summer holiday season. Ollie lolly? No! Ollie lolly.

Tough On Jimmy

"Very useful. Just the player for Southend," said manager Eddie Forry after watching Willie Gardner, Leicester's live wire, last week. Other clubs are of the same opinion. Leicester won't part until the close season now that Jimmy Walsh is now out through a muscle pulled in the tackle against the "masquerade" as Luton's playing pitch. Time something was done about it, Luton.

Opportunity to meet old friends and return a little of the warm hospitality extended to me in Rio is provided by the visit of the crack Cantos de Rio

JOEY MAXIM BEATEN BY ITALIAN

Milan, Apr. 27. The Italian heavyweight, Mino Bozzano, outpointed Joey Maxim of Cleveland in a lively ten-rounder at Vigorelli Outdoor Stadium here tonight. Bozzano tipped the scale at 196 pounds and Maxim at 190½. In another non-title bout on the same card the European Lightweight Champion, Dullio Lol, outpointed Al Nevezes of Mexico by a very slim margin. Lol weighed in at 138 pounds and Nevezes at 137. In the last bout on the same card, Italo Scottichini conquered the Italian middleweight title-holder when he outpointed Ghio Rossi in 12 rounds. —United Press.

NEW ZEALAND HORSE FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

By DICK FRANCIS

London. The Queen Mother's racing colours of blue and buff stripes and black cap with gold tassel are familiar at National Hunt meetings. This summer, for the first time, they may also be seen on the Flat. The Queen Mother's new horse, Ball Ha't III, arrived in Britain the other week in the Corinthian, after nearly six weeks at sea. He was given to the Queen Mother by owner Sir Ernest Davis after she had watched the horse win the St James' Cup at Trentham, in New Zealand.

A five-year-old gelding by Monro Polo II out of Honeywood, Ball Ha't III is a joint holder of the New Zealand record over one mile and six furlongs, and has won seven races worth a total of £2,000. He is making his voyage in the care of his usual veterinary surgeon, who intends to stay for a while in England and will probably attend a veterinary college to study British veterinary procedure. An specially padded box has been built for the horse in the ship, and lucerne (a clover-like plant) is being grown on board for his fodder.

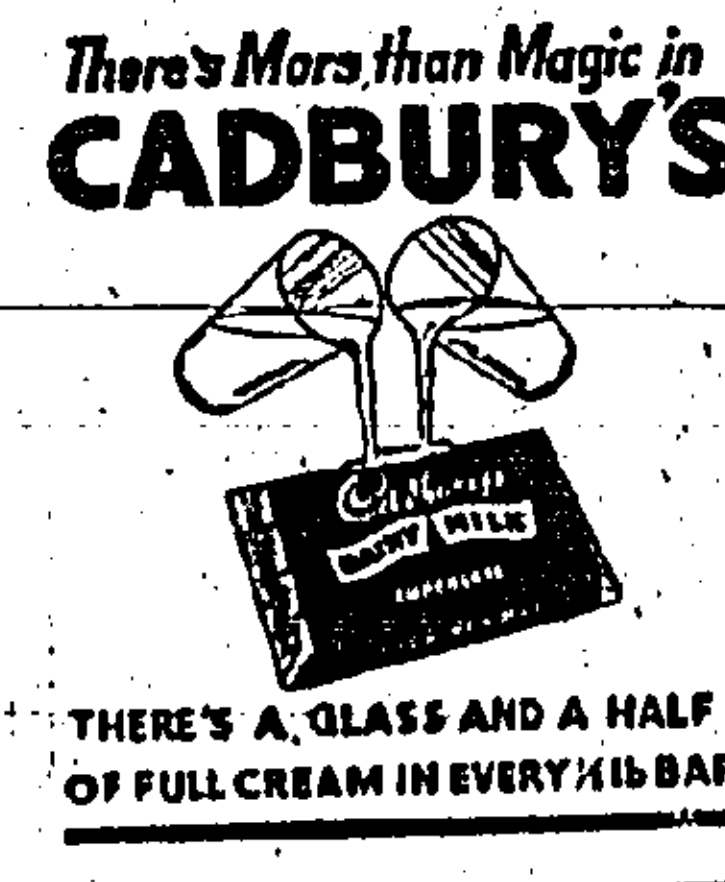
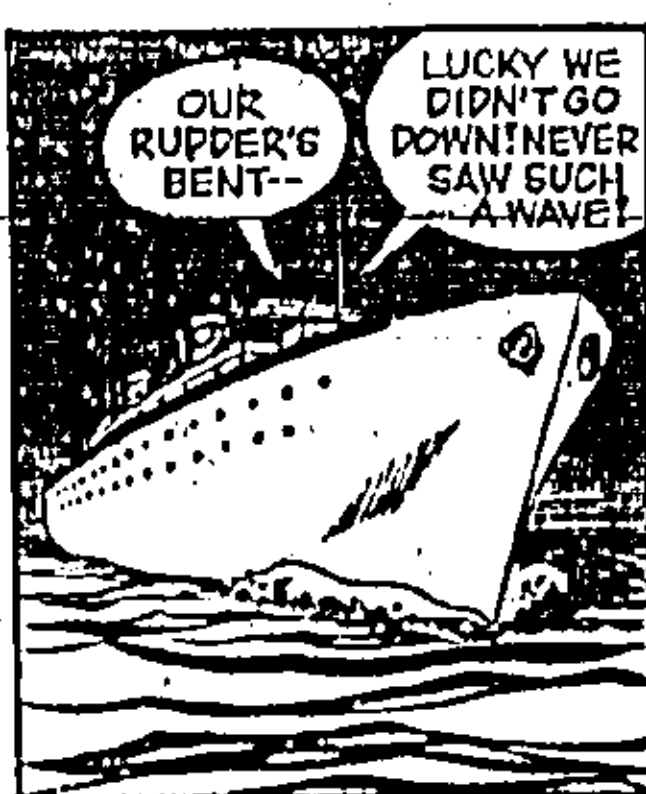
Good Purpose

It is not a simple matter to transport a horse half-way round the world and have him arrive in good health. Early this century Mollan was shipwrecked on the way here from New Zealand, and, after swimming ashore, recovered to such good purpose that a few months later he won the Grand National. That was in 1904.

Mollan was still in fine fettle seven years later, for he was ridden by Lord Kitchener in the Coronation procession of King George V. Ball Ha't III is to be trained by Cecil Boyd-Rochford at Newmarket during the flat season, but may go to Peter Cazalet's Tonbridge stable in the autumn for jumping.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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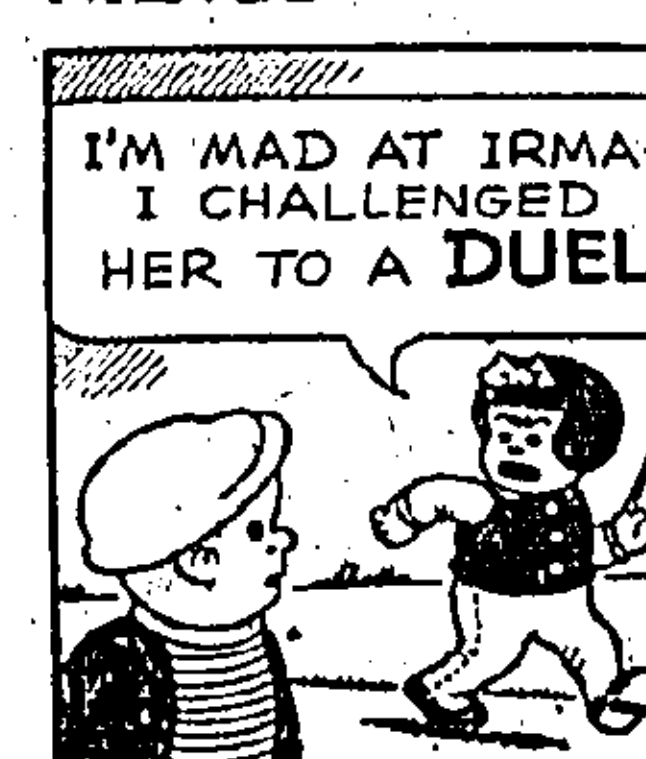


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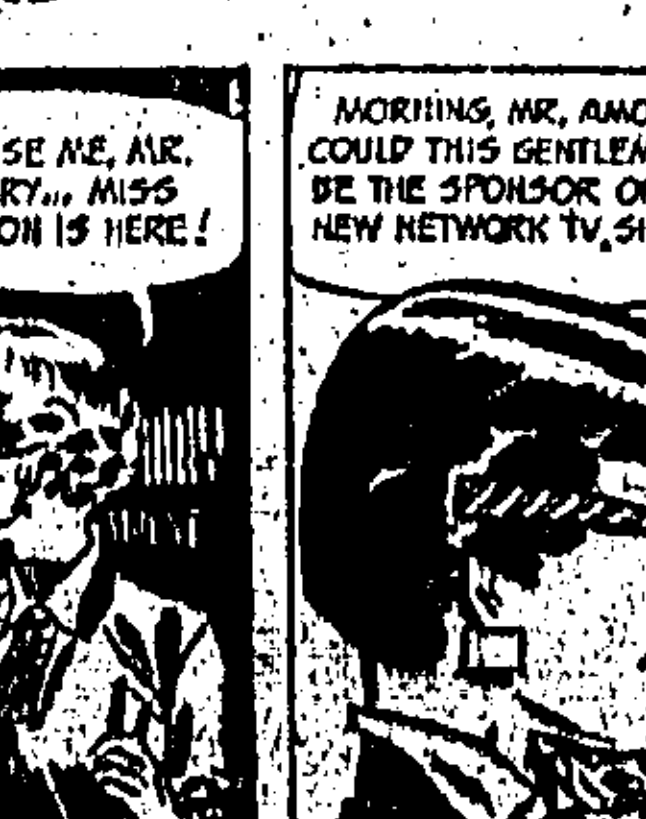
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JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

One Cannot Help Being Filled With Admiration For Manchester United

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Without wishing to continue to overstress the tragedy of Manchester United, one cannot help being filled with admiration for their subsequent achievements. No other club in the world, I think, could have come out of Munich and then reach the Wembley Cup Final with victories over Sheffield Wednesday and West Bromwich Albion.

They have kept a reasonable place in the League table, and, wonder of wonders, their Bobby Charlton went straight from the German airfield flames to a place in England's team against Scotland in the great Hampden Park International. His additional commitment will be with the England party in the World Cup in Sweden.

Danish Team For Finals Of Thomas Cup

Copenhagen, Apr. 27. The Danish badminton Federation today named its players to represent Denmark in the finals of the Thomas Cup to be held in Singapore from June 5 to 15.

They were Boerge Frederiksen (captain), Palle Grunwald, Joergen Hanneberg, Hansen, Finn Kobber, Einar Kops, Ole Mertz and Poul Erik Nielsen. Reserves: Bent Alertsen and Knud Aaga Nielsen.—France-Press.

FRENCH FA CUP SEMI-FINALS

Paris, Apr. 27. Relms and Nimes qualified for the French Football Cup final. In today's semi-finals, Relms beat Lens 2-1 in Paris and Nimes beat Monaco 2-1 at Marseilles.—France-Press.

Watching United battle to a 3-3 draw at Portsmouth, it was difficult to believe that the heart of the side had been ripped out of the side by the loss of captain Roger Byrne, Tommy Taylor, Dorian Edwards, Paddy Whelan (Internationals), Eddie Coleman and Mark Stone, and with John Berry, Ray Wood and Jackie Blanchflower still hours de combat.

The answer, of course, is that the Old Trafford club has the greatest reserve strength ever gathered together by an English club. Jeff Whiteford and Johnny Doherty just pounced being in the Reserve, and went to Grimsby Town and Leicester respectively, but men like Gaskell, Greaves, Cope, Dawson, Webster, Parnon and Morgans, who constitute the core of the "new" United, would automatically have been in the senior eleven with any other club. As reserves they were almost unbeatable in the Central League.

All They Needed

The only thing United needed to steady this palmar of youth was a "general" defence and an experienced "old head" in defence. They got them by buying wisely and well little Eddie Taylor from a Blackpool, and flame-headed Stan Crowther from Aston Villa. Whether the team has the know-how to remain cool on the Wembley turf and in the European Cup lies ahead, remains to be seen. Personally, I think it is asking a little too much of them to expect them to lift the two trophies. I have a feeling they will fall between two stools and neither will be able to detract from their feats of the last two months. They will be great in defeat, if that is to be their dual fate.

Acting Manager Jimmy Murphy got himself released from the Welsh team manager's job to be at Portsmouth, and he is optimistic about Wembley and the European Adventure. "They've got wise old heads on young shoulders," he said.

The New Fourth Division Is Already Doomed

Says DAVID JACK

The new Fourth Division of the Football League will last for two or three seasons and then fold up. That's the general pessimistic opinion inside soccer. Yet even that may be an optimistic forecast.

As the dream of a national Fourth Division becomes reality there is a widespread panic among many of this season's 48 Third Division clubs.

May Not Play

Even at this late stage the "doomed" clubs hope to make the League scrap their plans for a new set-up next season. But they haven't a chance. The damage was done when they voted in favour a year ago—and as I warned at the time, signed their own death warrants. It's possible that some of the founder members of the Fourth Division will not even compete in it! Several have been making inquiries about joining a strong Southern League with attendance certainly no worse than the Fourth Division and with smaller overheads.

And don't think the lucky Third Division clubs in the top 12 positions are laughing, either. The chairman of one of them told me: "I'm dreading the season with all those travelling and hotel bills."

Picture the new Fourth Division set-up. Managers might disappear to save a few hundred pounds. Full-time professionals will be replaced by part-timers and amateurs. Attendance (speculators) will pay the same entrance money as for glamorous Manchester United and Wolves—will flop disastrously and, worse, a lot of money will be the sole means of survival for many teams.

Bleak Outlook

Look at some of last week's Third Division games. Chester, 3,500; Chesterfield, 4,500; Aldershot, 2,600; Exeter, 3,800; Gillingham, 3,500. Halve those figures for the Fourth Division and double the expenses and you'll see what the panic is all about.

Poisoned Thumb Costs Ann Haydon Two Titles

Bournemouth, Apr. 27. A poisoned thumb cost Ann Haydon, Britain's international lawn tennis star, a chance of two titles in the British Hardcourt Lawn Tennis Championships here today. She was forced to retire after only one set of the Women's Doubles final, in which she was partnering Shirley Bloomer against Ann Shiffcock and Pat Ward. They had lost the first set 6-2 when Miss Haydon said she could not continue. Her injury—the thumb—was held her racket—also meant her scratching from the Mixed Doubles final, in which she was to have partnered Roger Backus against Billy Knight and Miss Bloomer. Yesterday Miss Haydon was beaten in the final of the Women's Singles by Miss Bloomer.—China Mail Special.

73-YEAR-OLD COMPLETES 17-MILE WALK

Singapore, Apr. 27. A 73-year-old Chinese grandfather today completed in a 17-mile walking race, sponsored by the Workers' Education Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Mr Tan Thang-leng completed the course in four hours 50 minutes, finishing 60th in a field of 66.—Reuter.

Cricket Season

London, Apr. 26. The 1958 English first class cricket season had a dismal opening 10-day. A scheduled ground prevented any play in the one match scheduled—the game at Cambridge between the University and Surrey, the country champions.—Reuter.

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Union Chorus Concert

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Professor Han Hui and the
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chestra under Professor Lin
Sheng-shih will jointly present
a concert at the Queen's
College Hall, Causeway Bay, on
May 3, commencing 8.30 p.m.
The programme will consist
of "Lullaby Piano Concerto",
composed by Professor Harry
Ore who will play the role part
with the Orchestra. The
Chorus will render selections
from Gounod's "Faust" and new
compositions of art songs and
part songs by Chinese com-
posers.
The same programme will be
repeated on the following evening
at Queen Elizabeth School,
Kowloon.

Prince Axel Arrives

His Royal Highness Prince
Axel of Denmark, who is Chair-
man of the Board of Directors
of The East Asiatic Company
here by PAA from Tokyo on a
tour this morning. This is his
third visit to Hongkong since
the end of the war.
The Prince was met by Mr. E.
Hattendorf, Hon. Consul for
Denmark in Hongkong. He did
not stop to talk to newsmen
but boarded a waiting launch
to take him to the Island to
proceed to Repulse Bay.

Commodore Saluted

HMS Newcastle (Captain
A.H.C. Gordon-Lennox, DSO),
which arrived last Satur-
day, fired an 11-gun salute to
the Commodore at 9 o'clock
this morning. The compliment
was returned by HMS Tamar
which fired a seven-gun
salute.

Miss Swissair Leaving

Miss Swissair, the white
python, will be leaving for
Bangkok tomorrow on another
leg of her world tour.
The python has been on
exhibition in the Colony for the
past week.

Science And Engineering

NEW TYPE OF LIFE-RAFT



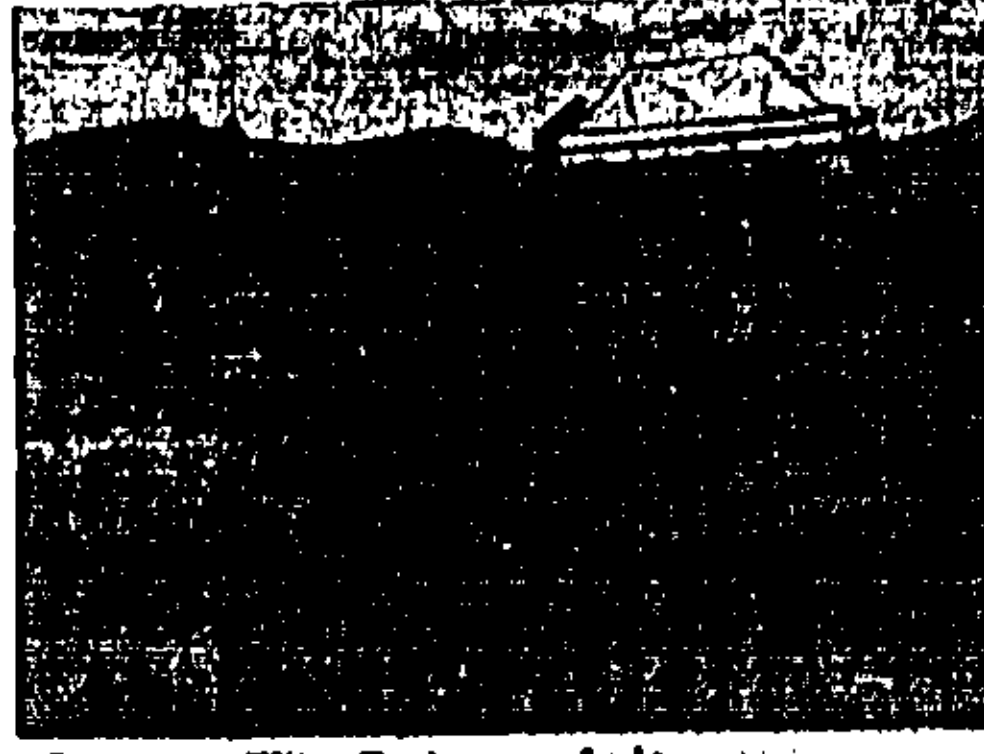
(a) Storage for automatic launching in place on the deck of a vessel



(b) When the ship sinks, water pressure sets off the hydrostatic mechanism and frees the raft



(c) The weight of the vessel going down pulls the operating cord and inflates the raft



(d) The line parts as the ship sinks deeper. A drogue to reduce drift is automatically released. Light and radio beacons begin to flash

Electronic Chimes For Trade Vans

ELECTRONIC
"chimes" for ice-
cream and other trades
vans, are being manu-
factured and exported by a
Devon firm.

They are available in three
models — junior, standard
automatic and a new automatic
type which is supplied with
four tunes.

The apparatus consists of a
musical box movement in the
case of the junior and standard
models, and of a changeable
metal disc musical box move-
ment on the other model. In
each case the output from the
musical box is transferred
electronically to an amplifier
operated from a 6, 12 or 24 volt
battery, and feeding loud-
speakers fitted on the roof of a
van or a stall. Facilities are
available for disconnecting the
musical box movement and sub-
stituting a microphone for an-
nouncements.

With the automatic model
interchangeable discs are used,
thus enabling a wide variety of
tunes to be used. The standard
model is fitted with a remote
control start and stop
mechanism which can be pre-
set to operate the "chimes" for
any length of time. A remote
volume control is fitted in the
control box. (Harborne Radio,
24, Union Street, Plymouth,
Devon, England).

BOX-TRAP PLEASES TRAPPERS

AMERICAN wild life re-
searchers at the
Potomac Research Refuge
in Laurel, Maryland, have
had to devise many in-
genious methods of captur-
ing specimens, for the small
woodland creatures have
learned how to avoid
capture in conventional
traps.

Many times, animals took the
bait without springing the
wooden box traps, while those
caught were often injured by
splinters in the trap itself.
The US Fish and Wildlife
Service has developed a new
aluminum-framed box trap,
sufficiently sensitive and re-
liable that animals needed for
study are captured easily and
harmlessly.

Since it does not rust or warp
in its wet outdoor surroundings,
the trap will always function
smoothly. Even with an un-
willing but unharmed passenger,
the trap is about half as heavy
as an empty wooden trap.
Naturalists are extremely
pleased with the device, but the
final report from the animals is
not yet available.

Top Cricketers In Favour Of Rubber Wickets

MANY of England's top cricketers, per-
fectionists as regards the surface they play on,
have come down in favour of rubber as the best
substitute for a "good" grass wicket.

The rubber is used in sheet
form or as latex mixed with
cement on a concrete base.

Trevor Bailey, England and
Essex cricketer, is well satisfied
with the performance of latex
cement wickets laid down just
over a year ago at his Hford
school. The Natural Rubber
Development Board reports him
as saying: "The pitch is fast and
true. Provided a bowler really
splashes the ball, it can be made to
turn. It is an ideal type of
wicket for the batsman because
he can be certain that the ball
will come through at a con-
sistent height, and he can play
strokes safely."

Retired county player, A. V.
Avery now a coach at the school
praised the consistent way the
wickets behaved and said how
useful this safety in play was to
an inexperienced batsman who
needed confidence.

TOO PERFECT

Another brand new school at
Birmingham, nursery of the
Warwickshire team, has the
bowler's run up on each of its
three pitches surfaced with
sheet rubber flooring and one
wicket surfaced with the same
material. The only criticism of
rubber voiced by Eric Hollies,
the well known Midland player
was that the pitch was "too
perfect". He described the
rubber wicket as "very natural
and very safe to coach young-
sters on".

Testimony to the long life of
rubber floored wickets comes
from Lancashire County and
Manchester Cricket Club where
rubber flooring has been in con-
stant use since 1950 with little
sign yet of wear.

The new cricket schools are
now flourishing all over the
country. Here budding county
players have the opportunity of
talking cricket with the elite
watching them in action and
laying the basis of a thoroughly
sound style. A visit to one of
these schools should convince
even the pessimist that
England's present run of success
on the cricket field is no
accident.

A sheet saw, designed to cut
metal, plastic, wood or asbestos
sheet, is being shown by a
Sheffield firm at the Brussels
International Exhibition. The
saw, the manufacturers claim,
cuts these materials with ease.
This exhibit, with the latest
type of tubular adjustable lock-
saw frame, forms part of the
Council of Industrial Design
display.

The frame uses standard
hacksaw blades and provides for
easy interchange, so that the
pitcher of teeth can be used to
suit the material to be cut.
James Neil & Co. (Sheffield)
Ltd, Napier Street, Sheffield,
England.

'Killer Policy' Frees New Zealand Of Rabbit Menace

By JOHN CRIBBEN

Wellington, April 27.
MYXOMATOSIS is a word New Zealand rabbit exterminators
do not use. The magic formula is "killer policy."

During the past ten years,
New Zealand's killer policy,
seemingly as unscientific and
cruel as any devised, has
totally cleared thousands of
acres, put an extra 2 lbs of wool
on the back of every sheep in
infested country and saved New
Zealand millions of pounds ster-
ling.

Mr. Keith Turnbull, Minister
for Lands for the State of
Victoria, Australia, recently led
a party of ten Victorian agricul-
tural experts to New Zealand to
study rabbit control here. He
toured what were once the
worst-infested areas in the
country.
After one week, he saw one
rabbit.

Control System

Of the New Zealand rabbit
control system, he said: "The
proof of the pudding is in the
eating."

The backbone of New Zea-
land's killer policy is the 200
infested districts and under the
control of the government-
sponsored Rabbit Destruction
Council. These Boards levy
rates from landholders and are
subsidised £1 for £1 by the
Government.

Each Board employs a full-
time staff. Their job is to
poison, shoot and stamp out
rabbit breeding grounds within
their area. To this end, they
hire aircraft to spread bait, use
bulldozers to clear warrens, and
keep strict control, through con-
stant inspection, of every
rabbit-infested area.

Coupled with this is the
"total de-commercialisation" of
the rabbit.

In 1957, the New Zealand
Government amended the Rab-
bits Act and made it an offence
to sell or offer rabbits for sale. It

also prohibited the export of
any rabbit skin or carcass pro-
duced in New Zealand.
This was an important piece
of legislation. Ever since the
end of the last century, farmers
in the Southland and Otago
areas of the South Island were
forced by economic circum-
stances due to the fact that the
pest reduced the carrying capacity
of millions of acres, to live
off the rabbit.

Rabbit Skins

Rabbit farming here, as in
Australia, reached its peak just
after the end of World War II.
In 1946, 17,000,000 skins were
exported from New Zealand.

From 1947, a system of levies
was introduced on rabbit skins,
beginning at ten per cent and
increasing to a prohibitive
60-75 per cent in 1952. This
crippled rabbit farmers and
exporters. When the 1955
amendment became law, the
Rabbit Destruction Council was
able to go ahead with its rabbit
extermination plan unhindered
by commercial interests.

New Zealand first tried
myxomatosis in 1951-52. Follow-
ing the spectacular success with
myxomatosis in Australia, in
1950-51, tests were carried out
here to discover whether the
virus would be successful in
New Zealand.

Trials made over two years
proved it a failure.
In no district did the disease
spread far from the trial site.
The Director of the Animal
Research Division of the New
Zealand Department of Agricul-
ture, Dr. J. F. Filmer, reported
that not only did the virus fail
to spread during the summer,
but there was an absence of
contagion during the winter
months.

Myxomatosis, he concluded,
was unlikely ever to be of any
use in New Zealand.

First Batch

The general design of the New
Zealand trials was the same.
Approximately 20 rabbits were
infected by injecting the virus
under the skin. The rabbits
were released in areas densely
infested and, where possible,
near water in which sandflies or
mosquitoes might be expected
to breed.

When the first batch of rab-
bits were infected, the virus
was passed on to a further batch
by rubbing discharge from the
diseased rabbits under their
eyelids.
Later, the infected rabbits
were taken to feeding grounds
and moved frequently to cover
as large an area as possible.
But the results of the two-
year trials were disappointing.

Special

The rabbit policy in 1953
when there were 174 Boards
cost the Government and Board
of Rabbit Destruction a total of £1,100,000.
In 1957, with 202 Boards,
the cost had risen by only £120,000.
And an extra
6,000,000 acres of land had come
under Rabbit Control Boards
during that time.

In the last ten years average
cleared of rabbits has tripled,
from 5,000,000 to 15,000,000
acres, and heavy infestation
areas have decreased from
1,500,000 acres to less than 300,
000 acres.

The Rabbit Destruction
Council in last year's annual
report said:
"Our work has become more
and more one of mopping up
and maintenance as Boards
which formerly faced the task
of clearing heavy infestation
reach the stage where the pest
is no longer causing serious
damage to pasture."

The rabbit in New Zealand,
the report added, is not com-
pletely beaten. But during the
past ten years rabbit extermina-
tion has continued progressively
until the stage has been reached
where the rabbit is no longer a
real menace. — China Mail
Special.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Fraulein." Dana Wynter
and Mel Ferrer in war-torn Berlin.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Sad Sack." A Jerry
Lewis comedy.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Rainbow County." Mont-
gomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor in a Civil War
romance.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Slim Carter." Jack
Mahoney and Julie Adams.
ASTOR: "The Bolshoi Ballet." Filmed during their
visit to London.
LEE: "Underwater Romance." A Japanese picture.
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "The Last Paradise."
Life in the South Seas.
RITZ: "The King and Four Queens." Clark Gable.
CAPITOL: "Flight to Hong Kong." Rory Calhoun.
ORIENTAL: "Jailhouse Rock." Elvis Presley.
MAJESTIC: "The Unholy Wife." Diana Dors, Rod
Steiger.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

8.30 The Adventures of Hajji Baba
of Ispahan—No. 2, 5.45 The New
Concert Orchestra, Time Signal,
It's in the Groove, 6.30 Cocktail
Time—David Whitford and
Orchestra, 7.15 Talking About Music
compiled and introduced by Irene
Yuen, 7.30 Pathé News Introduction
The Big Record, 7.55 Weather Re-
port, 8.15 Time Signal, News, 8.30
Commentary, 8.45 Captain Kip
(Himself-Korakov), 9.30 "Win-
day Recital" Gualberto Tam (piano-
soloist); Chien Chik-Ping (violin)
with piano accompaniment by Moy
Rien, 9.35 Time Signal, "Man of
Thousand Faces" Music from the
sound track of the film, 9.50 Con-
tinental Rendezvous with Denis
Brabant, 9.55 Weather Report, 10
Time Signal, News and Home News
from Britain, 10.15 Later from
Newsworld, 10.20 Cantonese Feature
Programme—The Next Generation, 11
Late Night News, 11.30 News, 11.35
Close Down.

TELEVISION

8.15 Toss In Popular Music pre-
sented by Nick Kendall, 8.30 Show
Case—Selections from "The
Grandstand Concert—(Hush)
"Fantasia and Fugue in G
Major", "Ain't For the G String"
and "Come Sweet Death", 9.45
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Fears Of The US Recession Spreading

THE US ECONOMY: A SURVEY

Anxiety Over Possible New Import Bans

New York, Apr. 27.

Foreign businessmen, already worried that the US recession will spread to their countries, expressed this week a new fear—anxiety over possible new import restrictions.

The Census Bureau in Washington estimated that US imports for February fell to \$950 million, the lowest monthly total in two and a half years. The figure is 13 per cent below January's total of \$1,095 million, and 4 per cent under the February, 1957, mark of \$993 million.

These figures weren't necessarily connected, but did serve to highlight a survey by the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce showing growing fears abroad of a new wave of US "protectionism" demonstrated by frequent use of the "escape clause" provisions of the trade agreements act.

The escape provisions permit the President to raise tariffs on imports found to be injuring or threatening to injure a competitive US industry and most of the 17 national committees polled by the Council said specific industries were too prone to invoke the provisions before any real or serious threat existed.

Many of them said the risk of encountering the escape clause made their businessmen hesitant about undertaking the costs involved in entering the US market.

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"The Dutch manufacturers would be willing to invest these amounts if only he could count on a 'stable American' import policy," the Netherlands Committee stated. "But he is reluctant to put his energy into an endeavour to sell to this market, knowing that the situation as it is may change very rapidly to his disadvantage."

The Census Bureau had only the overall estimate for February. It detailed, country-by-country estimate of imports for February won't be ready until May 19.

Officials of the US Steel industry, whose production fell last week to the lowest non-strike week figure in nearly nine years, pointed out that they are faced with the price of imported steel grows smaller.

Already, they estimated, the US is buying nearly 60 per cent of its barbed wire from overseas.

N. Borneo Lifts Ban

Jessellton, Apr. 27.

A government spokesman said today the North Borneo Government had exempted palm oil and palm kernels from export duty in view of the uncertainties in the rubber, copra and timber markets.

The spokesman said it was hoped this would encourage cultivation of oil palms, which could grow into a major export crop.

East Germany-China Trade Agreement

Berlin, Apr. 27.

East Germany and China have signed a 1958 trade agreement topping last year's trade pact by nine per cent, the East zone news agency ADN said today.

The agency gave no absolute figure of the trade volume between the two countries. It said further agreements were slated for later this year.

Under the agreement China was to deliver consumer goods, food, cotton, silk, wool and fur, and chemical raw materials. East Germany was to export heavy industrial goods including complete factory equipment to China.—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Apr. 27. Cotton futures closed the week on a reactionary note, climaxing a period of subdued activity and indecisive fluctuations.

At Friday's close the list ruled 4 to 38 points—20 cents to \$1.00 a bale—lower than the preceding week.

The far-forward October delivery, after reaching a seasonal high of 35.65 cents a pound in mid-week, turned sharply about, dropping 70 points—\$3.50 a bale—from the peak under technical realising.

Otherwise, the market was responsive to small orders either way. Traders awaited further congressional consideration of long-range farm legislation.

PLAN

Some reports suggested cotton shippers were proposing a plan to lower cotton loans to 65 per cent of parity, and increase the cotton average about 30 per cent. This would be the alternative to high loans and a low average.

Evening-up operations in the nearby May delivery co-featured the trade. First coffee day for the week, the cotton market brought out lenders for 500 bales. Their circulation brought a flurry of liquidation, but the selling was absorbed by spot interests against sales for later months.

DUAL

The Government announcement of plans to inaugurate a dual cotton export programme, beginning on Aug. 1, dominated attention in later sessions. The new arrangement would provide for a subsidy "in-kind" and would supplement the result of competitive bids.

However, full details of the new plan were lacking and anxiously awaited at the weekend.

Market technicians thought the "in-kind" plan would encourage exporters to buy cotton on the open market.—United Press.

Japan To Aid India In Industry

New Delhi, Apr. 27.

The Japanese Government will assist in a training institute for small industries in Calcutta, it was disclosed today.

The leader of a Japanese mission, Katsuki Tachibana, discussed details of the training plan with officials of the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The institute would be designed to meet the need for skilled personnel in developing small industries. Japanese and Indian representatives will visit Calcutta on April 28.—United Press.

METAL INDUSTRIES IN THE US

Washington, Apr. 27.

The United States Tariff Commission reported unanimously to President Eisenhower last week that lead and zinc are being imported into the US in such increased quantities as to cause serious injury to the domestic industries producing these commodities.

But the Commission divided evenly along party lines as to how much more protection is necessary.

The three Republicans on the Commission recommended that the President raise the tariffs on lead and zinc as much as the law permits. They also proposed a quota system to limit imports of the two metals.

UNNECESSARY

The three Democrats said that a quota was unnecessary and that the duties should be raised less than the law permits.

Congressional sources predicted the President would decide to impose higher tariffs but probably try to avoid the imposition of quotas. They doubted he would reach a final decision for several weeks, however.

The three Republicans on the Commission advised Eisenhower to raise the duty on pig lead from 1-1/16 cents per pound to 2.55 cents and to lift the tariff on slab zinc from 0.7 cents per pound to 2.1 cents. Such increases are permitted under the so-called "escape" provision of the Tariff Law.

The three Democrats proposed a rate of 2 1/2 cents on lead, 1 1/2 cents on block and slab zinc and 1 1/2 cents on the zinc content of ore. These were the duties in effect under the Hawley-Smoot Tariff in 1930.—United Press.

New York Stock Market Review

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Apr. 27.

The stock market during the past week absorbed a mountain of adverse financial and business news with nothing more than monetary hesitation in a broad advance.

Trading picked up sharply with daily average volume at its best since the week ended Jan. 3. Industrial shares set a new high since March 11, rails set a top since Oct. 30, 1957, and utilities reached their best level since Oct. 4, 1930.

Bad news included sharply reduced income reports for leading steel and automobile companies, some dividend cuts, further dips in auto output and steel production, and a poorer than expected aid plan for the railroads.

Most of these had been anticipated and hence had been discounted.

There were many items on the favourable side to shift the balance to the bulls.

EISENHOWER

This included a statement by President Eisenhower that the recession was slowing down, optimistic statements from steel, electrical equipment and auto executives, firmer copper prices, a rise in machine tool orders, lowering of prime interest rates, and some excellent earnings reports plus a few dividend increases by consumer industries companies.

So far this year there have been 16 weeks of trading in stocks. In these the industrials and rails each have risen in eight and declined in eight. Utilities had had 14 weekly gains and only two losses.

On the basis of the movement of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock average, it was calculated that the market had gained 5.5 billion in value of all listed issues since the week of the Dow-Jones industrial average closed at 454.92 up 5.61 points on the week and within 3.73 points of its 1958 high of 458.65 set on Feb. 1. Rails closed at 111.62 up 1.34 points and only 0.08 away from the high since last Oct. 30 set on Monday of this week. The utility average at 77.38 was up 1.02 points.

SALES

Sales for the week totalled 13,005,630 shares of a daily average of 2,721,726 shares and with an average of 3,260,795 in the holiday week ending Jan. 3. So far in 1958 sales have aggregated 179,546,705 shares. This is well above the figure for a year ago of 162,820,558. Edition and Electric Auto Life cut their dividends and Pennsylvania Railroad omitted its dividend for the second quarter.

Chrysler showed a first quarter net loss of \$1.6 million against \$3.4 million a year ago. Ford's net was down to 42 cents from \$1.35 last year. Bethlehem Steel showed net of 52 cents for the quarter against \$1.16 a year ago and Jones & Laughlin's net fell to 17 cents from \$1.19 in 1957.

RETAINED

The steel companies retained their dividends even though they were not earned. Chrysler cut its dividend to 25 cents from 75 cents. Aluminum Limited and Electric Auto Life cut their dividends and Pennsylvania Railroad omitted its dividend for the second quarter.

Chesapeake & Ohio declared regular dividends. General Motors raised their payments.

American Motors issued a highly favourable report—earnings of more than 7 million contrasted with loss of more than 5 million a year ago. American led the market in volume with sales of 585,800 shares, set a net high at 12 1/4, and closed the week at 11 1/4. Chrysler led in price, rising 1 1/2 points and Ford 1 1/2 while Chrysler lost 1 1/2 points. Steels had gains ranging to nearly 4 points in Youngstown, American Smelting rose nearly 3 in a firm copper group. Oils

US COTTON GOODS MARKET

New York, Apr. 27.

New business in the cotton grey goods market remained at an irraducible minimum last week.

Mill executives and selling agents saw no sign of an upturn in the buying early broke-up in the ultra-cautious policy adopted by buyers some months ago.

The "reduce-the-inventory-crazy" which had dominated the thinking for many months has cut consumer stocks to the lowest level in a year, selling agents declared.

Nothing seems to be able to get consumers to change this set back hand-to-mouth policy. One observer said, "Buyers keep coming in for just enough goods to keep their plants in operation."

Leading producers of print cloth, rayon fabrics showed stiffening resistance to lower bids. The basic 80-square print generally was held around 17 1/2 to 17 3/4 cents a yard and fell to 17 1/4 cents a yard in the afternoon.

Cotton sales yarn spinners reported little change in the slow situation existing for some time. Hard fibres featured firmness in burlap, while sisal and hemp prices were inclined to ease in face of a slow demand.

Distributors of rayon grey goods reported that while business generally remained quiet, some sales were reported in buying interest in some time. Some mills were reported increasing quotations.

In worsted and woolen fabric, market attention centred in the preliminary showing of summer weight fabrics. But buyers were hesitant in face of the weakening price situation in wool-tops and the lowering trend in Australian raw wool markets.—United Press.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 27.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 23, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation 2,007,586,010
Public deposits 11,900,000
Private deposits 22,904,000
Government securities 44,769,000
Receipts 44,769,000
Ratio 100.000000

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 27.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 17, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 1,900,081,505.541
Total bills discounted 11,223,423.659
Eight balance abroad 11,771,000,000
Advances to States 200,000,000
Total funds 2,000,000,000
Bank notes in circulation 2,000,000,000
Current accounts and deposits 441,575,000.000
Ratio 100.000000

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$329,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSBC	700	700	23 1/2 783
Bank of China	200	200	44 1/2 210
HSBC	7200	7200	100 1/2 7250
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav	600	600	201 1/2 1275
Wheelock	600	600	200 1/2 010
DOCKS, ETC.			
Ke Wah	110	110	43 1/2
Ke Wah	110	110	157 1/2 1140
LAND, ETC.			
HSBC	1700	1700	500 1/2 1700
HSBC	32	32	32 1/2 32 1/2
HSBC	1400	1400	020 1/2 1440
HSBC	130	130	155
RUBBER			
HSBC	120	120	133
HSBC	120	120	185
HSBC	120	120	185
UTILITIES			
HSBC	2300	2300	2420
HSBC	100	100	100
HSBC	1750	1750	1750
HSBC	2640	2640	100 1/2 1030
HSBC	20	20	110
HSBC	20	20	100 1/2 1020
HSBC	20	20	100 1/2 1020
INDUSTRIALS			
HSBC	2300	2300	1000 1/2 2340
STONES, ETC.			
Dairy XD	1010	1010	100 1/2 1030
HSBC	110	110	100 1/2 1020
HSBC	10	10	1030 1/2 1010
COTTONS			
HSBC	450	450	470
HSBC	520	520	440
HSBC	170	170	440

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Apr. 27.

Although the market value of industrial shares fell virtually 2 full points last week—from last Friday's 171.4 to this week's close at 169.5—the market was cheerful, practically unconscious of the decline.

One reason was the unusual flow of good company reports which strongly suggested that the so-called "recession" was fading away. Concerns like Babcock and Wilcox, the Sears group, and Cammel Laird led the way back into general confidence.

Another reason was the strength of the British Government of which several rose 10/7 or more and others gained between 5/8 and 3/4. This reflected the firm conviction that the government will soon lower the bank rate still further, making it cheaper for companies to borrow money.

Wall Street's strength was also a factor with the Dow-Jones average closing the week at 454.92, the highest this month.

There was some selling of blue chips such as Rolls Royce, down 3/8, Associated Electrical Industries, down 1/2, and a falling of losses of 6d or 9d. The dramatic feature was the jump of 7/8 in the shares of the big paper concern, J. Dickinson.

Oils enjoyed a strong demand all week which lifted Royal Dutch some 15/7, Shell Transport 7/8, British Petroleum 5/8, Apex Trinidad rose smartly nearly 9/8.

Bank rate is endlessly discussed these days. The index of government securities reached its low of 77.45 last September, on the day following the sudden raising of the bank rate from 5 per cent to 7 per cent. It now stands about 8 per cent higher with the bank rate lowered to 8 per cent. This is a climate of confidence that it will soon be lowered further.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	850
Sterling (per £1)	153 1/2
Australian (per £1)	15 1/2
Indonesian (per 100)	810
Singapore (per 100)	2230
Sumatra (per 100)	150

HK BANK WELCOMED TO SARAWAK

Kuching, Apr. 27.

A hope that the establishment of a branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Kuching would help to attract more capital into Sarawak was expressed by the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell, when he attended a reception marking the opening of the new bank recently.

The reception was attended by more than 300 guests including the Chief Secretary, Mr. C. H. Barcroft, the Chief Justice, Sir Ernest Williams and Lady Williams and heads of various communities and leading businessmen.

In welcoming the Governor and the guests, Mr. M. F. L. Haymes, representing the Corporation's Chief Manager and Board of Directors, said that though the Bank was "breaking new ground" in Sarawak it believed "that ground to be fertile and capable of producing a good crop."

Some people might wonder why the Hongkong Bank wished to open a branch in Kuching at a time when trade was at a "low ebb," he said.

It had, of course, been considered many times in the past, but there could be no doubt that at the present time the three Borneo Territories were on the move and development, both political and economic, was proceeding at an accelerated pace.

Mr. Haymes then said: "It is just at a time like this when the trade of the country is in the hands of the Government and the Workers' Federation jumped in with an 'industrywide' strike notice to back the strikers' demand for reinstatement."

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The Narkeldunga men struck when Burma-Shell announced that it was closing the depot as part of a retrenchment policy. The Union notice, due to expire on May 3, would affect other Burma-Shell depots and installations of Stanvac, Caltex and Indo-Burma Petroleum.

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Big Strike Affects W. Bengal's Oil Industry

Calcutta, Apr. 27.

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Sheaffer's
STERLING SILVER TIP

Six Injured In Traffic Accidents

Three children, two boys and a girl, were among six people injured in separate traffic accidents in the Colony yesterday. Five of the accidents occurred in Kowloon and one on Hongkong Island.

The two boys were knocked down by private cars near their homes, one in Yau Ma Tei and the other in Kowloon City. The injured boys are Lai King-sum, aged nine years, of 101 Reclamation Street, ground floor, and Si Che-ting, aged six years, of 108 Tam Kung Road, ground floor.

A six-year-old girl, Lou Sui-king, of 69 Nam On Street, was seriously injured when she was knocked down by a train in Main Street, West, Sanaukwan last evening.

A 23-year-old man, Ho Chung of 1, Loong Kwong Road, sixth floor, was knocked down by a private car in Prince Edward Road and another man, Ng Yuk-bun, aged 38 years, of Shok Kip Mei Village, was injured by a bus in Castle Peak Road.

Serious injuries were sustained by a 76-year-old woman, Chung Shin-hing, who lives at an unnumbered hut in Wong Chuk Street.

All the injured persons are receiving treatment in hospital.

Police Officers Charged With Conspiracy

A Chinese Police Sub-Inspector, three Police constables and a broker appeared on trial before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with conspiracy to obtain periodic payments from persons dealing in dangerous drugs.

It was stated that the Inspector was officer in charge of the Dangerous Drugs Squad at Eastern Police Station and the three constables were attached to the squad.

The accused are Au Ping-yan, 22, Police Sub-Inspector, The Shiu-tung, 27, Police constable, Chan Bing-kwan, 24, Police constable, Cheung Wal, 27, Police constable, and Chu Cham, 36, broker.

First accused faces six counts of conspiracy, the second two counts, the third three counts and the fourth and sixth accused two counts each.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, Q.C., and Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Peter Mo and Co. are appearing for the first accused.

The other accused are represented by Mr V.L.J. D'Alton and Mr Terence Shurlock instructed by Hastings and Company.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by DSI R. H. Byrnes, appears for the Prosecution.

A Jury of five men and two women has been empanelled. Formerly the fifth accused in the case, Cheung Chi-ping, nicknamed Luen Mo-ping, nicknamed Ah Ping, 27, unemployed.

who had pleaded guilty on arraignment to two counts of conspiracy, told the Court that he wished to give evidence on behalf of the Crown.

His Lordship informed Cheung that he proposed to sentence him forthwith and asked if he had anything to say in mitigation.

Cheung asked the Court to deal with him leniently.

Mr Collier said he must draw the Court's attention to the fact that Cheung was married and had two children. He was a drug addict and whilst he was in remand had with the assistance of the Prison authorities cured himself.

Passing sentence, His Lordship said that having regard to the nature of the crime to which Cheung had pleaded guilty, the least sentence he could impose was one of three years with hard labour on each count, the sentence to be concurrent.

The Opening

Opening the case for the Prosecution, Mr Collier told the Jury that although the Crown always desired, where possible, to come to Court with witnesses of irreproachable character, now and then it happened that was not so, and this was one of those cases.

Crown Counsel said that unfortunately when policemen, as four of the accused in the case were, strayed from the paths of virtue, as they had allegedly done in this case, that the people would be criminals of one sort or another or people engaged in nefarious enterprises. If they were to prosecute such policemen for such deeds one must of course rely upon what these people "of poor character have to say," Mr Collier said.

The case was based almost entirely on the evidence of people who sold or peddled heroin, Crown Counsel went on. They all knew that what was not a pleasant trade, and after the Jury had heard the evidence they would find it was a fairly filthy one. These were the people the Crown proposed to call before the Court, but he would say that because they had dealt in heroin before and most of them had been convicted of some time or another, that did not rob them of the entitlement to be believed if the Jury thought that they were worthy of credit.

He said that these witnesses would be called into the witness box and the Jury would then be able to form their opinion as to whether or not they were telling the truth. Crown Counsel said that unless the Jury were satisfied beyond reasonable doubt then they must find the accused not guilty.

Heroin Sellers

Mr Collier said that the Jury would hear that the first accused was the officer in charge of the Dangerous Drugs Squad at the Eastern Division and it was of course his task, he said, to stamp out this trade as far as possible. The witnesses—heroin sellers—would say that the first accused and the other people in dock came along and asked for money, so much a month, or so much a week, in other words, if they paid up the people in charge of the squad would not do anything to them.

Crown Counsel told the Jury that in this case there was a fifth person who had pleaded guilty and who had been dealt with. The man had already told the Court that he wished to give evidence on behalf of the Crown and he would call him as the first witness.

This man would tell the Court of his relationship with the first accused particularly, and with some of the other accused. Again the witness was a person who was selling heroin at one time, then became an informer. He warned the Jury that the witness might have an axe to grind in the case, so that when they saw him and heard him in the witness box they would be able to come to their own conclusion as to whether they could believe his evidence or not.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If you really are in love with that silly actress, aren't you wasting time going steady with me?"

ASSURANCE COMPANY INCREASES CAPITAL

The American International Assurance Co., Ltd. had another successful year ending December 31, 1957, and at the 23rd general meeting held this morning, the Board of Directors recommended payment of a tax-free dividend of eight per cent of the par value of the shares, absorbing £28,000.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting that followed, it was resolved that the issued capital of the company be increased from £350,000 to £400,000 by the creation of 100,000 shares of 10s.

It was proposed and adopted that the sum of £50,000 being part of the undivided profits of the company be capitalised and that such a sum be applied in payment in full for the 100,000 new shares, credited as fully paid up, be distributed among the shareholders in the proportion of one for every seven shares held by shareholders on April 28, 1958.

Chairman

Presenting his report to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting Mr C. V. Starr, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said:

As indicated by the Statement of Accounts already in your hands, the Company's operations during 1957 have produced good results. The Directors are therefore able to recommend again the payment of a tax-free dividend of eight per cent of the par value of the shares.

The Company's total new life sales were two per cent ahead of those for the previous year. The total amount of ordinary life assurance in force rose to £20,600,000, a gain of nearly 19 per cent. Life premium income increased by 18.5 per cent whereas life operating expenses, including agency commissions, increased only a trifling over one per cent.

The Company's mortality ratio was 30 per cent of the expected, a little lower than in 1956. A gain of £128,587 was transferred from the Life Revenue Account to Profit and Loss.

The underwriting results obtained in the General Insurance Division were also good. Premium income in all three classes of General Insurance showed substantial increases and loss ratios were moderate. Thus it was possible to transfer a gain of £15,000 from the General Insurance Revenue Accounts to Profit and Loss. This fact is particularly noteworthy, for the General Insurance Industry, worldwide, suffered excessive losses during 1957.

Four Classes

In presenting the Annual Report for 1957, we allocated all income from interest, dividends and rents to the various Revenue Accounts, having assigned our total Assets proportionately to guarantee each of the four classes of business, and General Management Expenses were equitably allotted to the Individual Revenue Accounts.

This year, to make our accounts uniform with other companies in our Group, we have credited to the respective revenue accounts only the income from interest, dividends and rents, earned by the correspond-

ing reserve funds. All other investment income has been carried directly to Profit and Loss under the heading, Interest, Dividends and Rents, less Tax and Investment Expenses. General management expenses have not been charged to the Revenue Accounts, but directly to Profit and Loss under the heading, Expenses Not Charged to Other Accounts.

The net gain transferred from the Revenue Accounts to the Profit and Loss Account amounts to £144,100. This, plus a net income of £30,040 from Interest, Dividends and Rents not credited to other accounts, gives a total of £174,090. Deducting expenses, Directors' fees and losses realised on the sale of securities, a balance of £106,399 has been carried to the Appropriation Account. The Directors recommend that the following distribution be made from the Appropriation Account:

Transfer to Superannuation Fund, £11,500; Transfer to General Reserve, £150,000; Less: Life Contingency Reserve Written Back, £255,000; (£255,000); Proposed Dividend to Shareholders, £228,000; Balance to be Carried Forward, £181,238.

The £65,000 formerly carried in the Balance Sheet as a Life Contingency Reserve has been transferred to General Reserve as no actual contingency exists against which a reserve need any longer be maintained. This plus £85,000 transferred from operations brings the General Reserve up to £250,000.

Increase

Your Directors recommend that the present paid-up capital of £350,000 be increased to £400,000 by the distribution of one fully paid bonus share for every seven shares presently outstanding. An Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held immediately following this meeting to consider this recommendation. It is anticipated that the Company can continue the current dividend rate on the increased capital.

The total assets of the Company now stand at £3,802,700, 24 per cent higher than a year ago.

Present

Present at the meetings were: Messrs C.V. Starr (Chairman), A.B. Henningsen, Gwyn M. Hughes (also representing American International Reinsurance Co., Inc., Bermuda), Kan Tong-jo, Li Ming, J.E.R. Louit, W.T. Stanton, K.K. Tse (also representing Mt W. A. Hale), W.S. Youngman, Jr., (directors) Jack Y.H. Xuen, Secretary Mr Ramon Y.W. Kan, shareholder; Mr E.S. Gordon, representing the auditors.

Mr W.S. Youngman, Jr. was elected Chairman for the ensuing year at a meeting of the Directors.

MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED OLD EMPLOYER

A struggle between an unemployed man and his former employer who was allegedly stabbed and died a few days before last Christmas was described by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, when the unemployed man, Lam Shung-ming, alias Lim Ching-mang, 43, faced trial on a charge of murder before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused was alleged to have murdered Lam Su-ming, otherwise known as Jimmy Lam, on December 19, last year. He is represented by Mr H. L. Hu, instructed by d'Almeida and Mason.

A Jury of five men and two women was empanelled. Mr Blair-Kerr, who is assisted by Divisional Det. Insp. F. Judge-Buckingham, told the Jury that the deceased had lived at No. 3, Lancashire Road, Kowloon Tong, with his wife and their five children. One of the children was an eight-year-old boy called Mason.

Many Years

The deceased had known the accused for many years in Shanghai, and when he came to Hongkong he ran a business in Granville Road. The accused had been employed in this shop for some time during 1951 and 1952 and was earning a salary of £250.

What business relationship between the accused and deceased was not clear, but there appeared to have been some friction between them in business matters, Mr Blair-Kerr said.

The accused, after leaving the shop, used to visit the deceased from time to time. Between 7.30 and 8 p.m. on December 19 last, while deceased and his family were having dinner, the accused visited the house. When meal was over, the deceased and the accused decided to have a private talk. The rest of the family went to another room.

Mrs Lam would testify that she heard angry voices and later a loud noise. She ran into the room and found her husband and the accused embracing each other. She ran towards her husband, warning him that the accused was armed with a knife. She tried to separate the two men. She felt a pain in her body and found herself bleeding, Mr Blair-Kerr said.

A File

The deceased managed to break away. The accused ran into the living room and struck the eight-year-old boy, Mason, with an object. The deceased returned later with a bamboo bed-side lamp and lung the lamp at the accused. The two men fought again, Mr Blair-Kerr added.

Eventually one of the servants managed to take away a triangular tile from the accused's hand.

Mrs Lam's evidence would be corroborated by her son, Mason, who would say that his father was no match to the accused and that he saw his father being stabbed several times. He would also say that he had seen the accused stabbing his mother with the knife, according to Mr Blair-Kerr.

Another servant would testify that when the deceased left the room, having broken away from the accused to get a lamp, blood was dripping from his gown.

The accused and the deceased were separated eventually and the servants called for the Police, Counsel said.

Dr T. M. Teoh, the Police Forensic Pathologist, who examined the deceased, would say that he had found 10 stab wounds, mostly in the heart and lung, which caused shock and hemorrhage, Mr Blair-Kerr said.

Denial

The accused was interviewed by the Police at the scene and allegedly said that he had been cheated by the deceased and that he had taken a knife to kill the deceased. When charged later with murder, Mr Blair-Kerr said, the accused denied the charge.

Hearing is continuing.

Property Stolen

Two cases involving the theft of property from parked vehicles were reported to the Police yesterday. In one case a battery was stolen from a car in Causeway Bay Road and in the other the glass was removed from four lamps of a car in Salisbury Road.

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE recently formed Hongkong Motorcycle Club are planning a whole-day outing for Sunday next (April 30), starting from the Kowloon car Park at 10 a.m. What is described as a "surprise run" will be held, ending with a swim at Castle Peak. Those intending to participate in the outing are advised to furnish their own refreshments, as it is intended to return about 6 p.m. Motorists, whether members of the Club or not, are invited to join the party.

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For the reconstruction of the Tung Wah Hospital, the hospital directors have received donations totalling over \$124,500 from members of the 1933 Board of Directors, and from local firms and residents. Further donations are anticipated.

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THE Calendar of the University of Hongkong for 1953 has just been issued. It is a comprehensive volume of nearly 200 pages, setting out the complete syllabus, an almanac for 1953, tables of tuition and examination fees, numbers of faculties, details of scholarships and useful information about the Ordinance governing the University. The price is \$1.

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Initiations have been issued by the Hongkong Peace Club for a tea-table conference at Lane Crawford restaurant at 5 p.m. tomorrow (April 27) during which the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne will introduce the subject of "Education for Peace."

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CHILDREN'S Week, which commenced with a Health Contest and a series of health lectures delivered by Chinese doctors before the radio, came to a successful conclusion on Saturday (April 22) afternoon when a sports meeting for children was held at the South China field in Caroline Hill. Mrs Ngan Shing-kwan distributed the prizes to the successful candidates in the health contest and sports events.

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Abigail informs the women of Hongkong that—The Amateur Swimming Association at Home has just decided to allow women to wear backless costumes while competing in all swimming races. The skirt variety is optional.

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ABIGAIL writes on fringe—The importance of fringe is due, not alone to its decorative possibilities, but to its straight clinging qualities. Its long, silky strands add in some subtle fashion to the sleekness of the silhouette. It fills in, clings closely and may be used in several layers or in single file. It makes a most satisfactory finish to deep shawl collars and tunics.

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The possibility of the transfer of the Hongkong Polo Club to a site in Kowloon were again mentioned at the annual meeting which was held at Causeway Bay on Friday last (April 21). In the absence of H.E. Major-General O.C. Borrett, the chair was taken by Lt/Col G.T. Raikes.

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THE Hongkong Football Club fittingly celebrated at the Gloucester Building on Saturday (April 22) evening when the annual dinner was held under the chairmanship of Mr R. H. Forsyth. Eulogistic references were made to the outstanding achievements of the Rugby section during the past season, and the Soccer team although not enjoying marked success in results, were complimented on their excellent spirit of sportsmanship.

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The latest edition of the Far East Travellers' Gazette, issued by Messrs Thomas Cook and Son, Ltd., has been forwarded to this office (S. C. Morning Post). It contains complete information about all world routes to and from the East, and is available for the man anxious to ascertain the shortest route to any particular country.

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